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Borowski loses in court; right to have abortion upheld

C.C. staff

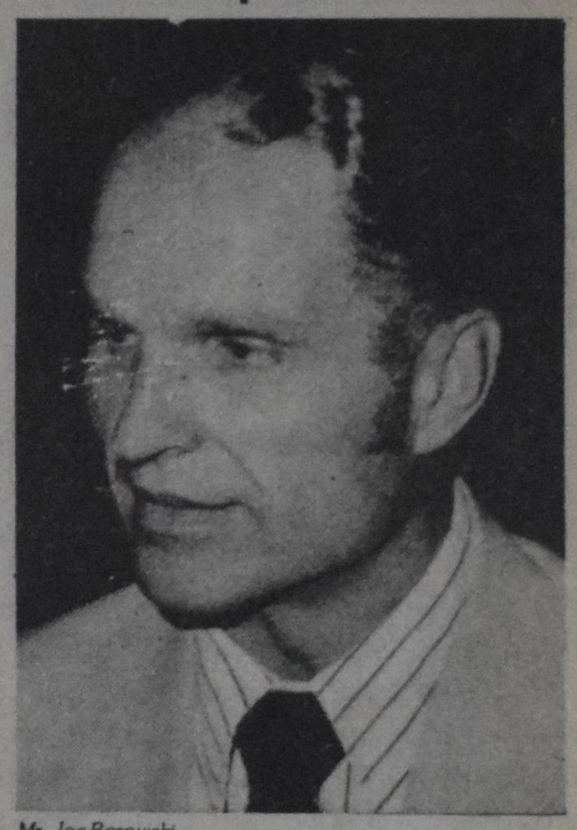
REGINA, Sask. — Joe Borowski lost his pro-life court case in a Regina courtroom on October 13. It is expected that he will appeal and that the matter will end up in the Supreme Court again.

Mr. Borowski went to court to challenge the 1969 abortion legislation in Canada on the grounds that it contradicts the legal rights now guaranteed everyone in the nation by the new Constitution.

Almost two years ago, the Supreme Court ruled to allow an individual to test in the courts the validity of the 1969 Criminal Code amendment concerning abortion. Now that Mr. Borowski has done that, the matter returns once again to the Supreme Court.

Pro-life forces which have backed Mr. Borowski's efforts, both vocally and financially, intend to organize further rallies to protest abortion laws and practices.

For those who advocate the right to choose an abortion if they wish, the Borowski decision was considered a victory on paper only, according to a spokesman. For them the battle is not yet over.



Mr. Joe Borowski

Prior to the trial, one Pro-life lawyer explained that "never in the Western world has a court been called on to make a determination of when life begins. Courts have always declined to do this sort of thing. They don't like to get into broad, philosophical, what-is-life issues."

The prince of darkness grim
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure
For lo his doom is sure.

REFORMATION 1983

A person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone.
James 2:24

Well, thank you James.
A necessary footnote to
shake awake from
its middle-aged slumber
the church so suburbanized
and cliquely facing in
upon itself like a
football huddle that
turned into a prayer
and share time.

Really now, why doesn't
some referee blow the whistle?

Where has Martin gone?

Imagine us saying that
we are saved by faith
and then defining faith to mean
church attendance
and certain conformations
and especially group-egoism.

In any case we wouldn't
dare say we are justified
by deeds and not by faith only
because deeds cost effort,
cost time, cost love
and faith is so instant
(more or less)
and hardly takes a second
thought it seems.

Engine 95
where are you?
Get that sacred cow
off the track.

Frank Sawyer,
Mallorca, Puerto Rico

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Op/Ed

Is Ottawa hoisted with its own petard?

Bert Witvoet

It will be years before the people of Canada will know how the Constitution that was proclaimed on April 17, 1982, has affected the various powers and rights of governments, groups and individuals.

At the moment one important question is being tested in the courts — whether a coalition of 26 anti-cruise groups can stop the government of Canada from carrying out its promise to allow the United States to test the cruise missile in Northern Alberta.

A lower court allowed the coalition to challenge in court the right of Parliament to make this promise. The coalition argued that to test the cruise will increase the threat of war and in this way violate the charter guarantees of right to life, liberty and security.

The importance of this challenge lies not so much in the attempt to halt the testing of the cruise, since that testing is not all that crucial to the deployment of the missile. Its significance lies more in the outcome of the question whether Parliament has lost essential powers by entrenching human rights.

Dr. Paul Marshall, professor of Political Science in Toronto, comments that the charter lays itself open in principle to a challenge by including sweeping statements of rights in the front of the document "Human rights should be defined more specifically," he says.

A federal government lawyer argues that allowing judges to intervene in political decisions will impair the traditional right of Parliament to decide what is best for the country. Besides, he points out, a judiciary cannot be removed through elections where as a Parliament can.

One is tempted to say to Ottawa at this time: He who burns his rearend must sit on the blisters (freely translated from the Dutch). Various provincial premiers have warned that an entrenched charter would end parliamentary supremacy and shift the final say to the courts.

We may reason for a moment that it is in fact not the judiciary that will decide the matter, but the Constitution. The judiciary may only interpret what the law prescribes. And if the law prescribes just principles, then the power of decision is well placed there.

But principles need to be interpreted and applied. And if they are rather vague and sweeping in their scope, as Dr. Paul Marshall believes they are, then it is going to be the courts of Canada who will decide whether the federal government can make important decisions about defence and other matters.

The next step may be that a ratepayer's society takes the Finance Minister to court for his budget on the charge that their right to (financial) security has been attacked.

The whole argument in the challenge by the coalition of anti-cruise groups is going to hinge on the question whether or not testing the cruise is taking away the right to life, liberty and security. In other words, the whole matter of pro and con nuclear armament is coming into play.

It seems inconceivable that a court can settle that thorny issue once and for all. What competency does a judge or a panel of judges have to make military decisions?

It seems to us that those who have the responsibility of defending the country should also have the responsibility to make defence decisions. Since the federal government is called upon to defend the country, the federal government should have the right to decide whether that requires cruise missiles or not.

Not that Ottawa should not listen to advice and briefs and other input. A decision like that is never just a political decision. It has economic, moral and social implications. The government is the servant of God called to do what is right and just.

It remains to be seen what the court challenge will reveal in terms of the strengths and weaknesses of the Constitution. It is to be hoped that Prime Minister Trudeau did not give away the store, to quote one of his favourite sayings during bargaining sessions with the provinces.

The Constitution is an important document. On it rest all the laws of a country. Even a government is subject to a constitution, and that is good. We are blessed to live in a country that does not have a government that puts itself above the law.

But it is to be hoped that we now do not live in a country whose government is hamstrung by a charter of rights of individuals. No coalition or lobby of whatever stripe or colour should have the power to interfere in the task of governing a country.

The power of the sword belongs to those who rule over us.

Letters

Dream about editor comforts the sick

I had many short naps and dreams during my illness. One involved Bert. I tried to visualize his face but could only see a Sweet and Sour column and a photo album. And I laughed — woke up a happier person.

When I thought about that later I remembered that he wrote about his ugly great-grandfather's picture. I remembered that, when I started reading it, I thought "Hoe durft hij: wat een eigenwijs ventje." But by the end he had me chuckling.

Loved that piece. Wish I'd saved it.

Hilda Wielemaker,
Trenton, Ont

Positive sound from Calgary

I am very happy with the new *Calvinist Contact*. It is now more attractive and of much more value.

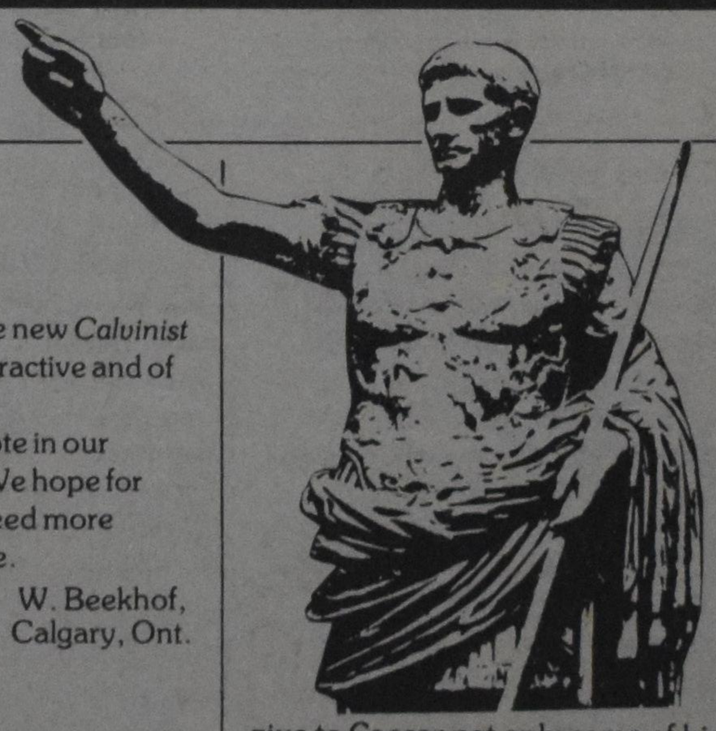
It is my plan to write a note in our church bulletin about it. We hope for more subscriptions. We need more readers in this time and age.

W. Beekhof,
Calgary, Ont.

Caesar and his money were profane

In your article "Render to Caesar" in C.C. of September 23 the writer misunderstands the words of Christ as found in Matt. 22:21.

By saying "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's" (NIV) he means that the Jews are to



give to Caesar not only some of his money, in taxes, but all of it. Then by giving to God what is His, namely their hearts, He will tell Caesar to go back to where he came from.

Caesar, including his money was profane. He could not enter the Temple nor could the Jews use his money in the Temple to give to God.

Had the Jews accepted Christ's teachings they would have repented from their sins and again kept God's commandments. God would have delivered them from the oppressor and chased him out of the land.

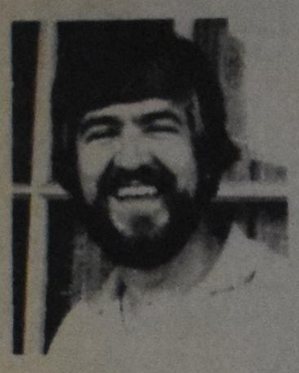
The explanation given by Skillen of the passage in Matt. 22:21 is entirely wrong. He expects the Jews to make a deal with the devil while they had a covenant with God.

J. Vandenberg,
Burlington, Ont.

In response

I find no basis in the text for the distinction between **money** *for Caesar and* **hearts** *for God. It is true that Christ wanted the Jews to repent and accept him as the Messiah, but there is no evidence in this text [nor in the rest of the New Testament that I can find]*

JUST A MOMENT/HERMAN PRAAMSMA



"Could we with ink the ocean fill,
Were every blade of grass a quill,
Were the world of parchment made,
And every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love
Of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor would the scroll
Contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky!!"

(Meir Ben Isaac Neherai - 1050)

We celebrated Thanksgiving once again. What a lovely day and what a marvellous family occasion. Children and grandchildren are together with parents and grandparents and not just food is shared, but prayer and warmth and thanks-giving. How rich God makes us in every respect!

It is not for nothing that we read in the Bible: 'The blessing of the Lord makes rich' (Proverbs 10:22). Too bad that our 20th-century environment makes us so prone to misinterpret that text. Entirely too many people, including entirely too many Christians, place the stress on the last word in that verse. As though *riches* were the blessing that the Lord wants to give us.

That makes for an interesting theology, to say the least. In that theology our riches show the world how much the Lord loves us and favours us. Our health and success in the world of business or entertainment or religion testify to the fact that things go better with God. The theology of success and prosperity has made its inroads, and has turned many people away from the Gospel.

And that Gospel is quite the *reverse* from any success theology. Our basis for thanksgiving is God's *blessing*. In that blessing, and in nothing else, we find our riches each day. God's blessing in Christ Jesus.

We can celebrate that as families, even though there is sickness or a child that has a mental handicap. We can rejoice in that, even when we're quite alone and lack family. We can put our hope in that when things do not go well, in jail, in unemployment, in distress.

Thanksgiving: that is first of all saying: thank You, Lord, for remaining faithful to us, to me. For we don't deserve the Son of your love.

Let's place the emphasis on the right word: 'The *blessing* of the Lord makes rich.' Then we can truly celebrate: with *all* God's people, everywhere.

In Siberia they celebrate thanksgiving as well! For God is good.

Rev. Herman Praamsma is pastor of the Fellowship Christian Reformed Church in Rexdale, Ont.

Women in ecclesiastical offices

(a reader's point of view)

Continued from last week.

Man is prior to woman. The head of man is Christ. The head of woman is man. The head of Christ is God. The order is divine as we showed in our first presentation.

Although man is not independent of the woman (Gen. 2:23,24; 1 Cor. 11:11b) and note this, everything comes from God (1 Cor. 11:12b) it was Adam who was first created and who was given God's Word and was made covenant partner. God made man aware of his specific task to lead and to teach. It was for woman to follow and to submit to his authority in that respect. She was made to be a perfect, suitable helper to support him in keeping the command. So it was ordained, and to go against it is sin against God's will and to despise His wisdom.

Eve was deceived and did not submit to the headship authority by asking her husband's advice, but she listened to Satan, the great opponent of God and man, the head of the kingdom of darkness (1 Peter 5:8,9a). She took leadership contrary to God's order and the result was disastrous. She reversed the foundation principle.

Instead of the helpmeet, the helper, the supporter to her husband to obey and to uphold God's command, she becomes his downfall. She became desirous to get wise above God's Word. She denied her God-appointed role of submission by reaching for the headship role. And she gave to her husband ... all of life must have held its breath ... will death come over it ... and he ate.

The man denied his God-given headship role by participating in the act of Eve's rebellion. He willingly abdicated and continued in this sin by blaming his God and the woman (Gen. 3:12). Then their eyes were opened and they both knew that they were uncovered and unprotected by the Word of God. The covenant was broken. Just the opposite of the binding, uniting character of a covenant, there is now disunity and separation.

But God, in grace, restores in principle, the man and the woman to their respective role and place.

And in the promise of redemption, God offers now the Covenant of Grace. The sinner must accept this believingly, promising a life of faith and obedience to God and His Word again (Gen. 3:15).

Building his family, the man must exercise headship as Prophet, Priest, and King, and the woman must be his helper and supporter in this. Then God bestows upon them covenantal blessings: "I will be a God unto thee and thy seed after thee." Read about the blessings in Lev. 26:2-13 and the punishments in Lev. 26:14-34.

Abdication and violation will have devastating consequences in the family and the family at large. When man began to increase in number, the sons of God married the daughters of man and obviously abdicated their positions as Prophets, Priests, and Kings and the Lord was grieved and said "I will wipe mankind from the face of the earth." The result of defying headship orders.

Only Noah, in walking with God, practised headship as Prophet, Priest, and King in his family and found favour in the eyes of the Lord. Do we see how important the headship role is? Again, the blessing is a covenant between God and His faithful servant. God renews the blessings. The lesson is so clear we must pay attention.

Limited space will not permit us to go into further detail. The foregoing should suffice to prove the basic position for man and woman as God willed and ordained. Clearly willed and ordained with specific tasks, but both superior. God does not assign to anybody any inferior task. Both the leading and supporting role must serve the purpose of creation, only and solely for the glory of God the Creator.

Ben Nymeyer Sr.,
Cambridge, Ont.

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that if the Jews had repented, God would have chased the Romans out of the land.

A similar New Testament passage is the one where Jesus confronts Pilate and tells him that he would have no authority if it were not given him by God [John 19:11]. The point is that any political authority has an office that is accountable to God, even if the office holder is evil or an unbeliever. For the Jews to pay taxes to Caesar or to use the money of that realm was not necessarily making a deal with the devil. Service of God with the whole heart can be compatible with rendering proper service to a political authority. Of course, believers might, indeed, have to disobey Caesar, as Paul and Peter and other Apostles did. But such acts are not mandated by this passage.

James Skillen,
Washington, DC

Abortion coverage

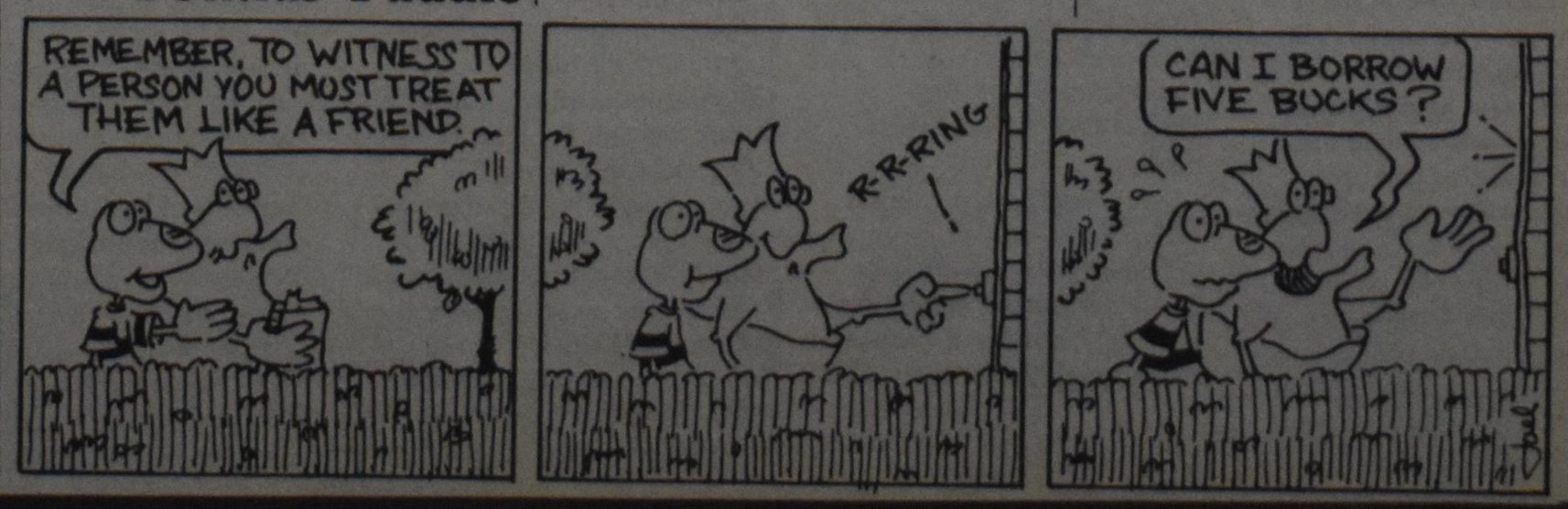
The informative and constructive coverage on the Pro-Life Rally and abortion in general in your October 14, issue was excellent! I was thrilled at the positive statements made by the "Committee for Contact with the Government of the Council of Christian Reformed Churches in Canada."

Hopefully the ambivalence of the "Citizens for Public Justice" may be influenced by these statements from a reformed body. Apparently they are so occupied with other pressing issues that they have not hammered out a position on abortion. It seems to me that 65,000 little Canadians killed in one year is as pressing as, say, justice for native people!

Would you please send me 5 extra copies of this (October 14) edition? I can't wait to show this copy to my Catholic friends at the next area Right to Life meeting. The "Catholic Register" is the equivalent reading material to the "Calvinist Contact" for them and I am always impressed by the amount of Pro-Life coverage in it.

(Mrs.) Joey Buwalda,
Oshawa, Ont.

Pontius' Puddle



News

Car seats for toddlers will be the law in Ontario

Small children are particularly vulnerable in a car, especially in a sudden stop or crash.

And who hasn't seen cars whizzing by with youngsters standing on the seat, hanging out the window or lying on the back window shelf.

Well, on Nov. 1 these potentially dangerous situations should be greatly curtailed as some 90,000 toddlers now travelling unrestrained in a motor vehicle, are required by Ontario law to be placed in car seats designed to hold them safely and securely.

From that date, toddlers between 9 and 18 kg (20-40 lbs.) must be in an appropriate, approved car seat while travelling in their parents' or legal guardian's car — or in a lap belt if in someone else's car.

They must be restrained in a front-facing seat, preferably in the back of the car, with the harness straps done up and the seat secured by a lap belt *and* tether strap.

The tether strap is particularly important because it prevents the seat from pitching forward or sideways in a sudden stop or crash. It requires a bolt to be securely fastened into the back window shelf or floor, directly behind the child seat.

For parents looking for a car seat, there are different kinds available in a variety of stores and all meet federal standards.

It's particularly important to look for an approved car seat since other seats designed for use in the home are often available in the same location in a store.

However, such seats which are usually cheaper than a car seat, are *not* designed as car seats and do *not* provide the necessary protection.

Because of the variety of seats available, the appropriate one can only be chosen by parents after careful consideration as to which best suits them and their child.

For example, the seat must fit easily into the car and the harness buckle must be convenient to do up and undo. If the buckle is a struggle, parents may not take the time to buckle their child in properly.

Seats also come in a variety of widths and heights so it's well to remember youngsters spend many months in bulky snowsuits and choose accordingly.

Choosing an appropriate seat *is* important, but equally important is following the manufacturer's instructions as to installation and use. Lives have been lost because these seats have not been used properly.

The facts speak for themselves.

An 18-month-old child was killed instantly when thrown from a car in an accident. Mute testimony to what might have been had he been properly buckled in, was the seat which remained, intact and undamaged, in the car.

In another case, a 22-month-old child died of severe head injuries — in spite of being securely strapped in the proper seat. An investigation revealed the seat was not secured to the car by either a lap belt or a tether strap.

These are examples of cases where children have been killed and does not reflect the tragedy of those who have been severely injured or maimed for life.

Perhaps the saddest fact is that small children are particularly prone to head injuries and can be left brain damaged and helpless for life after a car accident.

In 1982, 10 children under four years of age were killed in Ontario traffic accidents and 1,324 were injured. Even though the law covering infant restraints only went into effect on Nov. 1, 1982, these figures are considerably better than corresponding figures for 1981 when 20 were killed and 1,595 were injured.

Hopefully, as parents comply with the law which now requires all children to be properly restrained, these figures will improve even more, and the heartbreak and suffering hidden in such stark statistics will be greatly lessened.

Children properly buckled up

A better way to save lives

RICHMOND, B.C. (Canadian Scene) — A new type of rescue apparatus which could save lives in air or sea disasters has been developed by a British Columbia engineering firm. Dart Aero Systems of Richmond, BC has been demonstrating the device to the armed services and to officials of the major oil companies that are engaged in off-shore exploration. The device, called Emergency Multiple Person Rescue Apparatus, or EMPRA for short, is the creation of four men who have experience in air and sea rescue operations.

One of the four, Jim Bradley, says the idea grew out of the crash of an Air Florida jet in January, 1982, in which 78 people lost their lives. He says he was struck by the fact that most of the people who died had been stranded in the icy waters of the Potomac River for a long period of time. Mr. Bradley says he noted that the rescue helicopters could pick up only one person at a time, and he thought if there had been a device that could pick up a dozen or more at once, maybe most of those 78 could have been saved.

EMPRA is a collapsible, open-top ring net that can be slung under a helicopter or from a ship's crane and can pick up as many as 20 people in one load. It is a circular device, and when it is lowered into water, or to the top of a burning high-rise building, the sides collapse to allow easy access and exit. On water, a top flotation ring floats flush with the water surface enabling survivors to roll into the net no matter how exhausted or injured they may be.

Mr. Bradley says that with this device many people could have been rescued from the Ocean Ranger, the oil rig which sank off the coast of Newfoundland in 1982, carrying 84 people to their deaths.

Dart Aero Systems says it has sold the rescue apparatus to Esso, Petro-Canada, and Dome Petroleum, and has had enquiries from Shell, British Petroleum and Mobil.

Canada's last piano maker

STE. THERESE, P.Q. (Canadian Scene) — A modest family enterprise in Quebec is the last firm in Canada manufacturing pianos. It is the Lesage company at Ste. Theresa, just north of Montreal.

The Lesage plant opened in 1891 and at one time it was among a group of Canadian piano-makers who produced 30,000 instruments a year. Now the Ste. Therese firm is alone and its craftsmen build 2,000 instruments annually.

During the past summer, students at Lionel Groulx college at Ste. Therese arranged an exhibition in the college art gallery, telling the history of piano-making and describing its value to the community. In earlier years, there were two piano manufacturers as well as the Lesage firm in the same district.

Most of the pianos made at the Lesage plant are upright models. In the last two years, a grand piano model on a slightly reduced scale has been revived. Its success has prompted the idea of production of full-sized grand pianos. Locally-available woods — ash, birch and maple — are used for structure of the instruments since they are adapted to domestic climates.

Originally, the sounding boards were made of welded spuce sections. Now laminated spruce is used. Interior metal frames and the interior mechanism of the Lesage pianos are imported from the United States. The hammers come from Japan.

The Lesage firm's principal market is within Canada. Pianos made in the United States and Japan are the major competitors of the Lesage instruments.

Expanded intelpost service to 15 countries

TORONTO, Ont. (Canada Post) — An exchange of electronic messages via satellite between Toronto, Hong Kong and Taipei (Taiwan) marked the expansion of Canada Post Corporation's international electronic mail facsimile service, INTELPOST, to 15 additional countries.

The ceremony was held at Canada Post Corporation's exhibit at the International Electrical, Electronics Conference and Exposition.

Toronto businessman K.H. Wong of Kellyman Enterprises Ltd. exchanged messages with the parent company in Hong Kong and Hul Ban Giang, editor-in-chief of Shing Wah Daily News, Canada's oldest Chinese daily newspaper exchanged messages with Twan-chin Wang, editor-in-chief of the Central Daily News, Taipei.

On September 28, in addition to expanding the electronic mail service operated by Canada Post Corporation in conjunction with Teleglobe to Hong Kong and Taiwan, 13 other countries were added to the INTELPOST network: Austria, Australia, Bahrain, Bermuda, Fiji, Indonesia, Japan, Macao, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Switzerland and Thailand.

These were added to INTELPOST'S other affiliates: France, West Germany, the U.K. and the U.S.A.

Also, on September 28, the domestic INTELPOST network was expanded to Hamilton, Kitchener-Waterloo, Regina and New Westminster. Service is already available in Calgary, Edmonton, Halifax, Montreal, London, Ottawa, Quebec City, St. John's, Toronto, Vancouver, Victoria and Winnipeg.

Feature

We call our little girl Joy

Joyce Fisher's story continued ...

Thankfully the doctor decided to deliver the baby right where I was. At 11:06 a.m., without pain or stitches, the baby was born! "Thank you Jesus," it was over. I looked over to the windows where there were solid dark opaque clouds casting a gloomy atmosphere both outside and in. Suddenly the sun shone right on my face in spite of the clouds, and the warmth seemed to travel over my whole being. It was so bright in my face that when I turned to the room my eyes had to adjust to see the doctor. I knew what God was telling me. He, my heavenly Father, shone His love on me and spoke to my heart. "The dark clouds are past my child. Everything will be alright." My whole being was flooded with Joy. I felt like I was bursting.

"It's a girl" the doctor told me since I didn't ask. "You had better not look. It's not even nice for me to see." I couldn't feel sad right then, even though tears of emotion trickled down the sides of my face. Charlie came in and looked relieved to see that I was alright. I shared with him what had just happened and again I felt the evidence of Jesus' personal love and care that He had poured out on me. I'll never forget it. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me." (Psalm 23) It's really true! God can't always take our cross of pain, but He can and will help us bear it. I felt Him carry me through this difficult hour.

Now there were many things that had to be dealt with. What did we want done with the baby? A funeral, which would be costly, or have the hospital dispose of "it"? Would we consider an autopsy? It would most likely not benefit us, but could help the next person. Would I want to go on a ward with or without babies? Do we have a name?

A name, of course, she needs a name. Many names raced through our minds but were crossed out as quickly as they entered. We couldn't call her "the baby" forever or "it." After all, she was a complete real person. All during labour and delivery there was a picture of a nude six month old baby hanging right in front of my eyes. Many people wondered if perhaps they should take it down. They would have done so if I asked them to, but I never did. Actually this smiling, contented baby reminded me of what our baby really looked like, not the deteriorating body with overlapping skull bones.

When I was wheeled to my room down stairs, I picked up a pamphlet that I had received only two days earlier entitled "JOY."
That word just seemed to pop out of the page to me. I didn't even wait to open it. I grabbed the phone and called Charlie. "Can we call her JOY? What do you think?" It was perfect he thought. I then looked inside the pamphlet and came across this poem:

"Hold God in your heart
And the JOY that you find
Will dispel all darkness
And leave clouds behind" - Patricia Emma

And in Isaiah 35:10b "... they shall obtain JOY and gladness and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

When my dearest friends came in that same evening, I announced the name of our baby. Lilly looked at me knowingly and said, "I knew that's what her name would be. I would have been real shocked if it was anything else. I told the kids at home already." She said it so definitely, I knew it was a confirmation. Although Joy never lived in this world, her testimony was still so powerful by the name she was given, inspired by God Himself.

Later, my mind reflected on a conversation I had with Lilly when news of my pregnancy was still news. I had discovered that in the Bible it seemed God put greater importance on names. For example, He changed Abram and Sarai to Abraham and Sarah. In the Book of Daniel, there was much written about names and their meanings and in Revelations it says our "name" will be written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Scripture also tells us that God knows each one of us by "name," that's how personal He is. Even before Jesus was born, Mary was instructed to call Him Jesus. When this truth was revealed to me I shared with her the awesome responsibility we have in naming our children since they would be known by that name for eternity. It was not intended for our baby to have any other name than JOY because the Lord by the leading of the Holy Spirit chose that name for her. I thank Him.

I am now home and I continue to feel strong even though five days have gone by. Because of the countless prayers being sent up for Charlie and me, we feel we can face whatever comes. We have been strengthened and blessed during the memorial service we had for our baby. When Pastor Wells referred to her as Joy Fisher, it sounded so right and I could picture her alive and perfect in the arms of Jesus. I sensed the "hedge of protection" around our family and truly I felt secure. (I found out later that three churches were lifting us up in earnest prayer.)

I still don't know why our little JOY died, but we've accepted it. However, I do know one thing. This tragedy within our family has caused much thought and soul searching for many people. Many sleeping people woke up and are making decisions to get off that dangerous fence. We grew more in faith this last week than since we first were born of God. I found out how much God really loves us and how very real He is. We have discovered how very special family and friends are. Charlie and I discovered each other in a new dimension because Joy took us to a place where we had never been before.

Does any of this make sense? Can we really and truly experience joy in our sorrow? Are we perhaps denying our sadness? Are we being unrealistic? Are we living in a fairy tale world?

I do feel bad when my milk comes in (painfully) for nothing. My arms do agonize in their emptiness and we are experiencing a great loss, but happiness depends on circumstances while joy is the peace from God in spite of circumstances.

And David, a man after God's own heart said "... I did fast and weep while he (the baby) was still alive. I thought that the Lord might be merciful to me and not let the child die. But now that he is dead, why should I fast? Could I bring the child back to life? I will someday go to where he is, but he can never come back to me." (II Samuel 12:20-23).

Joyce Fisher lives in Caledonia, Ont. with her husband Charles and their two children. The Fishers are members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Hamilton. Husband Charles is truckdriver and Joyce is mother and homemaker.

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Pastoral Pondering

A hospital call

Rev. Rem Kooistra

Hospital calls are an important part of the pastoral ministry. I find them very helpful for getting to know people better. People, when sick in a hospital bed, often drop their masks. You see them in the uniform of the sick. They have lost their independence and are at the mercy of a mighty institution directed by a merciless commander-in-chief. Patients in the hospital can only be themselves in their own helplessness. And sometimes they discover their need for God — a need they thought they had passed long ago.

I did a strange hospital call which keeps on coming back to my mind. I should, perhaps, share the experience with you.

Our hospital has a unique system, set up by one of the chaplains, which makes a minister or priest available to the hospital 24 hours a day. One day as I was on call, my bell-boy rang and that means: phone the hospital immediately. This I did and the telephone-receptionist connected me with the nurse who had asked for the chaplain. She said: "With C.C.U., Chaplain, could you come over. I have an unusual request: I have a man who wants to pray for his friend and does not know how to do it."

As I drove to the hospital I tried to remember where C.C.U. was. It is part of the hospital-jargon and it means: coronary care unit. I wondered whether other people had asked me how to pray and at least two other memories came to my mind (but I will not tell you about them now).

In the hospital I talked to the nurse who had called me. A strange thing had happened. The patient had been brought in by his friend, suffering from what seemed to be a coronary attack. The tests, however, proved to be negative. The doctor felt he could soon go home, except for one final test. Then as he was wheeled away for the last test, his path was crossed by another patient who was wheeled in. What a shock! My patient discovered that the other patient was his own dear friend, who had brought him in a few days ago. These two men were friends, lived side by side, worked in the same factory and spent most of their evenings together drinking their bottle of beer. Soon it became clear that the situation of the friend was much more serious than that of the one who had come in first. He was brought to the I.C.U.: the Intensive Care Unit.

I went down to I.C.U. finding the other man in a deep coma: he was indeed very sick. So I went back to my patient in C.C.U. We talked about his friend. My patient said: "You know, father, he is actually Catholic, though he never went to church — but I would like to pray for him, for he can not do it himself. But how do you do this if you have never done it before?"

I told him that it was not hard to talk to God and that we may tell Him everything. He has promised to listen to each one of us.

In the end I made a deal with him: I would pray with him for his friend and later he would pray himself and I would do this too.

Tonight I wonder how many there are like my patient in C.C.U. Remember, what still can be done in C.C.U. might be impossible in I.C.U.

Rev. Kooistra is a retired campus minister still active at Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo in Waterloo, Ont.

Press Parade

Rev. Dresselhuis' ministry to seamen

During the summer I paid visits to vessels and cruise ships and sometimes accompanied by Ron Ravensbergen, RBC student and our summer assistant. This is the 9th summer that we enjoy the extra help of a full-time worker, in view of the increased workload of the chaplain during the cruise season.

There are some 13 passenger ships docking here, 7, 14 or more days. We minister to the seamen, not to the passengers. We are happy with Ron's assistance while his two years with Wycliff Bible Translators in Columbia are very useful! His knowledge of the Spanish language, especially the Spanish South-American variety, opens the doors of many hearts since several cruise ships have a sizeable number of people from Central and South America.

My second daughter Christianne is my main administrative assistant, without her help I would be in dire straits. Recently she finished a major project, the revision, typing and stencilling of the list, "Where to obtain Literature for Seamen?" (third edition). During my 7 days stay in New Orleans, Louisiana, I presented copies of this list to the Annual Meeting of the International Conference of Seamen's Agencies. Many delegates took a copy and asked for more information, including representatives from Anglican, R.C., Lutheran and Presbyterian Churches. Some of the subjects discussed at the Conference were: The mobile Seamen's Club (a Winnebago), Computers for follow-up work etc., Video Cassettes (more and more ships have these systems on board), the future of Seamen's Agencies (less Clubs and Homes, more work right in the ships) etc.

It is always a joy to meet many persons engaged in the same kind of work.

CRC bulletins, BC

Rev. Dresselhuis and chief officer Kuo Ko Tau aboard M.V. Oceanus Campaigner

Church News

Christian Reformed

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— to Calvary, Ottawa, Ont., Rev. Anthony DeJager of Hebron, Whitby, Ont.

— to Ebenezer, Leduc, Alta., Rev. Jelmer Groenewold of Hospers, IA

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— Tillsonburg, Ont., Cand. William Kuurstra

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— to Calvary, Chatham, Ont., and Blyth, Ont., Candidate William Kuurstra

— to Blyth, Ont., Rev. Anthony DeJager of Hebron, Whitby, Ont.

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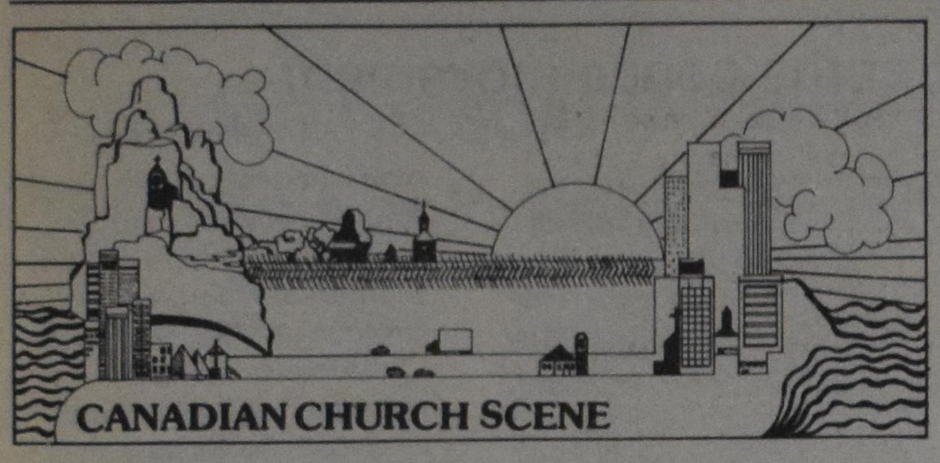

The Roman Catholic Church in Canada (1)

(Its historic development)

Johan D. Tangelder

The Roman Catholic Church in Canada (RC) has her own unique character. Her roots are in France. Her traditions are shaped by Rome, pioneer conditions in a new land, absence of religious debate and intellectual stagnation for generations. The Huguenots were among the earliest settlers, but Cardinal Richelieu (1585-1642) was determined that the religious conflicts the mother country had experienced should not be exported to the colonies. So the Protestants were expelled.

Successful colonization and the significant beginning of the RC history dates from the foundation of Quebec in 1608 by Samuel Champlain and Catholic French Settlers. The earliest missionaries were Franciscan Recollects, who arrived in 1615 and 1625, respectively. They worked mainly under the 100,000 Indians — Algonquins and Huron-Iroquios — in the interior and in the Lake Ontario Region. The Sulpican Fathers, who arrived in the late 1640s, had a vital part in the great missionary outreach, which ended about 1700. A famous convert was Kateri Tekakwitha, "Lily of the Mohawks," who was baptized in 1676, died in 1680 and was declared "Blessed" in 1980.

The ecclesiastical organization began with the appointment in 1658 of Francois De Montmorency-Laval, "Father of the Church in Canada," as vicar apostolic of New France. He was the first bishop of Quebec, with jurisdiction over all French claimed territory in North America. Laval was a fervent Ultramontanist (a strong adherent or supporter of papal authority). In France the RC has a considerable measure of independence from Rome. Over the protest of some French bishops, Laval refused to conform to Gallicanism which favoured independence from Rome. He took his authority directly from Rome.

Quebec's Ultramontanism led to alienation from France's spiritual leaders. Distance and the pioneer spirit forced the church into isolation. Little of the intellectual debate of France in the 17th and 18th century was transferred to the new world. The pioneers struggled against great odds to make a living and establish communities. They developed practical skills and worked for local improvement. This left little time or energy for cultural experiment. There were few signs of intellectual activity. The believers were devout, austere in morals and docile in mind. The priests were faithful in pastoring their flocks. And they were unquestioning in their submission to the Pope.

The British acquired possession of Canada in virtue of the Treaty of Paris in 1763. At first the pro-British government refused to recognize the titles of church officials, hindered the clergy in their work and tried to introduce a non-Catholic educational system. These conditions soon changed. The British granted concessions to the Catholics. Laws were passed which guaranteed religious liberties.

The French Canadian RC resisted assimilation by the English. They insisted on the supremacy of the Church over State. Religious liberty was meant only for Catholics and not for Protestant heretics. The Ultramontanist leader Ignace Bourget (1799-1885), Bishop of Montreal and titular archbishop, warned his faithful against books written by non-

Catholics, and forbade them to attend Protestant worship services. St. Anne De Beaupre, a few miles from the city of Quebec, became the "Lourdes of the New World," with the reputed cure of a cripple in 1658. It has now a Romansque-Gothic basilica, which houses a shrine, with its centre of attention an eight-foot-high statue and a relic of St. Anne, a portion of her forearm.

As the Canadian RC grew her mission status was removed from the jurisdiction of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith in 1908. The apostolic delegation to Canada was set up in 1899. In 1969 official diplomatic relations were established with the Vatican.

Western Canada was penetrated in 1818 by Abbe Provencher. The Oblates of Mary Immaculate, who are called "Missionaries par excellence in Canada," advanced the cause of the church. The work was hard. A RC publication comments: "In the northern and western portions, outside metropolitan centres, there are some of the most difficult parish and mission areas of the world." The Catholic minority felt oppressed. A Catholic scholar, who wrote on "Catholic Problems in Western Canada", believed that public opinion was, generally speaking, one of suspicion, frequently of silent contempt and very often of open hostility. He also charged that the Press was anti-Catholic.

The Catholic Truth Society, founded in Canada in 1893, with headquarters in Toronto, promoted the Catholic faith in the Western provinces, where priests were few and the flock widely scattered. Through the "apostolate" of the printed word the circulation of Catholic Papers and pamphlets dealing with the needs and problems of Canada, the faithful, who lived far away from large cities, received spiritual help.

Continued next week ...

Johan Tangelder is pastor of the Christian Reformed Church of Strathroy, Ont. He will write a series of articles on Canadian churches.

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Rapid changes require prayer

Martin Mudde

The leaders in politics, education and industry are pretty well all in agreement that our western society is in the process of rapid change.

One way this change can best be described is as a change from an industrial society to an information society. Its impact on individuals will be greater than the change from an agricultural society to an industrial society in the 1600s.

Also, it will happen much more rapidly. The change to this information society is fuelled by the availability of low-cost computers. We find that a much greater share of our economic activity and most of our new jobs will involve the creation, manipulation and distribution of information. The production of goods and services will play a much smaller role. For example, we will never again have as many auto-workers as we had in the 1970s.

Other consequences of the above changes are an abundance of uncertainties. There will be many questions that need answers. These questions will most certainly relate to how we can best serve our Lord in this new environment.

I therefore urge all students, staff, parents and supporters to keep our school before the Lord in prayer, so that we may have the wisdom to train our students to serve Him in the years ahead.

(From the newsletter of Redeemer Christian High School, Ottawa, Ont.)

Martin Mudde,
Chairman of the Board

Our insight should be 20-20

Our kids are going to be confronted with some very tough ethical questions I think, which is probably an echo of each preceeding generation, concerning the next — but these days there doesn't seem to be a break shoe left on technology.

Don't get me wrong, I'm pro-progress where it's in league with our God-given cultural mandate. But there's often a price that comes with progress. If we are unable to see or foresee all of the angles in every ingenious venture, we may very well find ourselves looking back wistfully.

Foresight and hindsight are two different viewpoints, but happy are they who have insight into all things.

To sum it all up, I'd say, the earlier we steer our kids into Christianity the more they'll have to be Christian with.

(From a letter by a teacher).

A student's view of the peace movement

When I heard that Rev. Robert White, the Minister of Social Witness in the Reformed Church of America was coming to our school, my first reaction was one of apprehension. If there is anything that makes me angry it is the constant attention the so-called 'peace movement' always gets from the public. It seems to me an incredibly naive position. I soon realized, however, that Mr. White was coming with a different approach.

His main concern is what Christian community is doing about the threat of nuclear war. Although I found that I agreed with him on several points, I came to the conclusion that our differences lay in our interpretations of Scripture.

I like to take the Bible literally. Dr. Schaeffer, founder of L'Abri, argues that either the Bible is completely and absolutely true or it is not. (I invite anyone to read his books on apologetics). If we cannot take the Bible literally, it would become a confused and self-contradictory work. That to me is inconsistent with the Author's character.

Now, according to Jesus' words in Matthew 24:7, there will be wars and rumours of wars, nation will rise against nation, all in the end times before His coming. In Revelations 8,9, the Apostle John sees that the world as we know it will end in war and destruction at Armageddon. Therefore, the cause for which Rev. White is fighting is not only hopeless and futile but directly contrary to God's plan! He, however, said that it could not possibly be a plan of our loving God to destroy this earth in a nuclear war. But we know that the earth will be destroyed. The Bible states that in several places. (See Revelation 21:1, *2 Peter 3:10-13* sounds remarkably like nuclear war). We must not forget that although God is Love, He is also a just and righteous God (Deuteronomy 32:4). So now He, who has been merciful to us, yes us, for so long must satisfy his perfect nature. He *cannot* condone sin. If we are right with God and in His will, then we are forgiven and will not be caught in God's wrath. The Scriptures promise that. But by marching in protest of possible war and God's punishment, can we say that we are doing God's will? I do not think so.

Mr. White spoke about a Russian Orthodox minister in a large state-supported congregation in the Soviet Union. This Russian pastor supplied a lot of information about the Soviet government to Mr. White. Christians whom I have met or heard personally and who are involved in reaching into the U.S.S.R., have said that most of the leaders of such churches have compromised their faith and are largely tools of the State. I pray it is not true in this case because otherwise Mr. White may well have been deluded. Mr. White also condoned Soviet policy and actions and turned a blind eye toward their lies and atrocities throughout his presentation.

Aside from these reservations, I found Mr. White's arguments to be well presented. The morning was on the whole, very informative and stimulating. I hope that from it each student is able to decide on the truth for themselves. I know I did.

Steve Schoenhoff,
Student at Calgary Christian School

Enrolment increases at Calvin

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Defying the administration's carefully-made predictions of a decline, Calvin College's enrolment in September took a jump upward of more than two percent over last fall's headcount.

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Feature

Handcrafts sold in Canada help provide basic needs in Philippines

Margaret Griffioen

Manilla, the capital of the Philippines, has a population of 8-million people, of which three quarters are unemployed or only have occasional work. Children in Manilla and in other parts of the Philippines are often forced to work to supplement the family income. Many of the families suffer from malnutrition and live in inadequate, over-crowded homes with poor sanitation facilities. Although education is free, many families cannot afford the cost of transportation and books and, therefore, do not send their children to school.

In an effort to help some of these people obtain the very basics of life, CRWRC staff began organizing Cottage Industries in 1976 in the Philippines. They encouraged Filippinos to make handcrafts and taught them new crafts which could be made in their homes or churches and sold in stores. This enabled families to supplement their incomes and those who were disabled, uneducated or single mothers had a source of employment for the first time.

The program has continued to grow, with Filippinos taking on more of the responsibility of supervision and training. Currently there are about 350 Filippinos employed in various cottage industries and their goods are sold in Canada, the United States and Australia, with about 15 per cent being sold in the Philippines. The Filippinos are paid on a per piece basis, and CRWRC staff administers and helps purchase supplies for the handcrafted goods.

Many items

Some of the handcrafts which are made through cottage industries, include crocheted tablecloths, shawls and ladies tops, chambray and Katsa cotton clothing, woven baskets and wall hangings, capiz items (thin pieces of sea shells made into items such as coasters and hangings), Christmas tree ornaments, mobiles, window decorations, and toys.

With the increase in popularity of these items and a need for more markets, Third World Imports was formed in Burlington, Ontario, in October 1982, as a base for a net-work of distributors who sell the items across Canada.

According to Third World Imports supervisor, Johanna Veldstra, sales of the hand-crafted goods during the first year of the organization's operation in Canada was "beyond everyone's expectations. Over $126,000 in sales were made even though there are many parts of the country which do not yet have distributors." Currently there are distributors in Alberta, British Columbia and Ontario.

Sample kit

Distributors buy a sample kit of the handcrafted items for $150, (half of the wholesale price). They take orders at bazaars, flea markets and fairs. The orders are sent to Mrs. Veldstra who fills them from the warehouse in Burlington, (located in her basement), and ships them back to the distributors.

"Some distributors are so into selling the items that they buy them in advance with their own capital, so they can sell the products directly to their customers," said Mrs. Veldstra.

According to her there is a small incentive plan for the distributors. If they have $4,000 in sales in their first year of sales, they receive $150 in free goods for their own use. They receive $100 in free goods for every additional $4,000 in sales. Every distributor receives $100 in free goods as soon as they make $4,000 in sales, regardless of how long it takes them to reach that goal.

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Third World Imports is a non-profit organization, and, therefore, the items are reasonably priced in comparison to other handcrafted goods. Any profit that might be made is, according to Mrs. Veldstra, put back into purchasing supplies for the Filippinos. Because of the reasonable prices, Third World Import items are becoming popular gift ideas, especially around Christmas. Christmas orders need to be placed by early November to accommodate time needed to make the items and shipping.

Through cottage industries many Filippinos can obtain the basics of life.

The goods take about ten days to reach the Burlington warehouse from the Philippines. They are shipped by airfreight to Toronto, and then trucked to the Veldstra home.

In the Philippines, CRWRC Cottage Industry Representative, Janne Ritska, supervises the shipping of the crafts and fills supply orders for the Filippinos, although more of the nationals are taking on various responsibilities in the industry. Miss Ritska is currently touring parts of the United States and Canada and many people will have a chance to hear her speak on the Cottage Industry work in the Philippines.

Orders or information on becoming a distributor is available by writing Johanna Veldstra at 23 Carl Cres., R.R.#1, Waterdown, ON L0R 2H0.

Janne Ritska looks over some of the handcrafted items with a Filippino woman.

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Henriette and Martin Baelde (nee Speelman)
– September 10, 1982 –
Westmount Chr. Ref. Church, Strathroy, Ont.

Jeanette and Art Boekee (nee De Vries)

– June 18, 1983 –

Maranatha Chr. Ref. Church, Bowmanville, Ont.

Kimberly Mae Lynn and Peter John Bokma (nee Annis)
– July 30, 1983 –
Riverside Chr. Ref. Church, Wellandport

Brenda Joy and Robert George Boodt (nee Brouwer)
– September 2, 1983 –
First Chr. Ref. Church, Rocky Mtn. House, Alta.

Grace and Arie Bouma (nee Fledderus)
– June 4, 1983 –
Jarvis Ebenezer Chr. Ref. Church

Build each othe in the exercis from

I shall read the heart of the Bible book we call groom, for hearing God speak to you as you pledge of believers, not just to newlyweds, but the passage creature who follows the LORD "in the last days" on

This is the Word of God:

As one captured by the LORD, I urge you to walk around in a way-of-life worthy of the calling you have been summoned to live. Be truly meek and gentle. Keep on supporting one another very patiently in love. Be eager to keep the oneness of spirit peace (with God) affords as a bond. There is one body and one spirit — remember the single hope of your calling to which you have been summoned — one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God the father of all, who is over all and throughout all and in all (of us).

Grace has been given to each one of us, portioned out as the gift of Christ. ... It is Christ who gave some the gift to be apostles, some to be prophets, others to be evangelists, others to be pastors and teachers. (Christ has given each one of us a different charisma) to get us saints ready for the work of serving, for upbuilding the body of Christ, until all of us reach that oneness of the faith and discerning knowledge of the son of God that will make us mature, firm us up to the stature of full (grace) Christ showed.

Then we shall no longer be immature kids, tossed about and blown around by every wind of teaching at the dice-throw of men who are cunning in the strategy of misleading. Instead, we shall see to it, with a steady, unswerving love, that all kinds of things grow up to be mature in Christ. Christ is the head from which the whole body grows corporeally, when each part is in working order: joined and woven together through every supporting ligament, (the one body grows) with a passionate love toward building itself up strong!

(Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16)

Eleanor and Brian Campbell (nee Reitsma)
– July 9, 1983 –
Westmount Chr. Ref. Church, Strathroy, Ont.

Anita and Gary De Vries (nee Vansmeerdyk)
– May 28, 1983 –
First Chr. Ref. Church, New Westminster, BC

Jane and Berend de Vries (nee Jelsma)
– July 2, 1983 –
Immanuel Chr. Ref. Church, Simcoe, Ont.

Arlene and Kenneth Gray (nee Buwalda)
– August 20, 1983 –
Lindsay Chr. Ref. Church, Lindsay, Ont.

Annette and Jerry Hogeveen (nee De Boer)
– April 22, 1983 –
Jarvis Ebenezer Chr. Ref. Church, Jarvis, Ont.

Carmen and James Kloet (nee Coulson)
– June 11, 1983 –
Immanuel Chr. Ref. Church, Simcoe, Ont.

r up to maturity e of your gifts Christ

ul's letter to the Ephesians, which you chose, bride and ur troth in marriage. Paul wrote it to new congregations very pertinent for anyone trying to live close to a fellow rth.

Then Paul goes on to talk about what it means to live like *new* creatures rather than like old, worn-out, stuck-in-the-mud kind of people who grieve the Holy Spirit because they are greedy and destructive (4:22-32). And in chapters 5 and 6 Paul gives instruction to these new Christians on how to live like christian husband and wife — as undomineeringly close as Christ is to the Church he gave his life for — to break the pagan pattern where friendship was valued more than marriage, and on how children and parents should respect parents and children in their different positions of need and authority (5:21-6:4).

But you asked to hear God speak especially in chapter 4, where the direction is given for living together as one body even though you are different people.

Different people living together

It's possible that no deeper insight is given by Scripture for us to grow on as women and men with our creatural quirks and providential histories and special gifts. Whether it concerns a motley congregation of Greeks and Jews, blacks and whites, wealthy and poor, or pertains to a close-knit group of Christians which has hard heads next to tender hearts, go-getters mixed in with more relaxed people, or whether our passage is read in the context of the union of two followers of Christ as different as a person who keeps lists, plans ahead, and is organized, and a person for whom time is a bubble of beauty as it was for her Oma who would be late for

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Theresa and Eric Pott (nee De Boer)
— May 28, 1983 —
Chr. Ref. Church, Niagara Falls, Ont.

Dorothy and Harold Struyk (nee Verboom)
— May 14, 1983 —
Fruitland Chr. Ref. Church, Fruitland, Ont.

Mary and Gary Schultz (nee De Boer)
— July 15, 1983 —
Blyth Chr. Ref. Church, Blyth, Ont.

Sue and Hank Ufkes (nee Ottens)
— June 25, 1983 —
Lindsay Chr. Ref. Church

Rita and Dale Spiteri (nee Van Deemter)
— July 9, 1983 —
Rehoboth Chr. Ref. Church, Etobicoke, Ont.

Fran and Peter Vedder (nee Reker)
— April 15, 1983 —
Grace Chr. Ref. Church, Welland, Ont.

Debbie and Larry St. Onge (nee Brouwer)
— June 25, 1983 —
Rocky Mtn. House, Alta.

Heidi and Rob Van Deemter (nee Kastelein)
— July 2, 1983 —
Glad Tidings Chr. Ref. Church, Edmonton, Alta.

Dianne and John Visser (nee Keirsebilck)
— May 20, 1983 —
First Church, Sarnia, Ont.

Ann and John Vandekemp
25th Wedding Anniversary
— July 5, 1958 —
Kingston, Ont.

Nancy and Henry VanBrummelen
50th Wedding Anniversary
— August 30, 1933 —
Arnhem, Holland *Calgary, Alta.*

Hilda and William Vedder
25th Wedding Anniversary
— July 25, 1958 —
Ottawa, Ont *Wainfleet, Ont.*

Music and liturgy and faithfulness Part 2

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Sunday and Monday

I had occasion a couple of times to talk privately to Dr. Brink. I asked her: Should the worship service on Sunday not be a reflection of our lives during the week? Wouldn't our worship services gain much in depth and meaning if we lived during the week close to God, not only in meditation but also doing and seeking His will in all aspects of life?

She agreed, but I sensed that she never thought of it from that angle when I said, that most Christians during the week live a secular life. Politically, economically, socially and in any field of human endeavour outside of moral behaviour, we have adapted the secular pattern of life. If that is so, how can we ever have an optimum worship service?

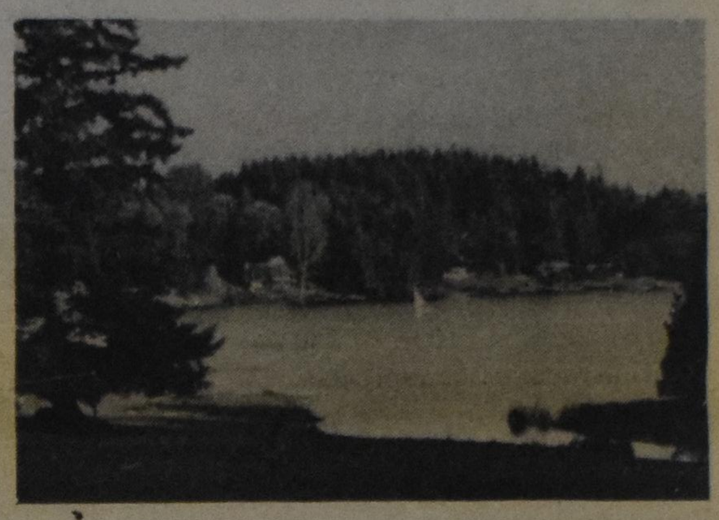
Does our worship service not become mechanical? We give it a form based on the principles of music and it turns out to be beautiful, but does it not lack the needed foundation of unreserved love to God? If our Sunday services are not the spontaneous outflow from a life of total surrender to God and Jesus Christ as our Saviour and King during the week, is there not the danger that God rejects also our liturgy? Israel knew about that. Their offerings and liturgy were fine, but they sought other gods in their ordinary lives.

All their offerings were an abomination to the Lord. Our sovereign God loves an obedient life more than offerings.

Some people say that their emotional involvement in a certain part of the liturgy is proof that their worship is acceptable to God. I am not so sure of that. Let us realize that our human emotions are also subject to sin. We are easily led by worked up emotions. Think of Hitler! How many Christians were misled by their emotions and considered him a Saviour!

I'm afraid that if I were present in Rome when the Pope gives his blessing to the many thousands of people gathered on St. Peter's Square, that the mass emotions would get hold of me too and I would easily be ready to see in the Pope the representative of Christ Himself.

It would only be the grace of God if we were not influenced by the mass emotions around us.

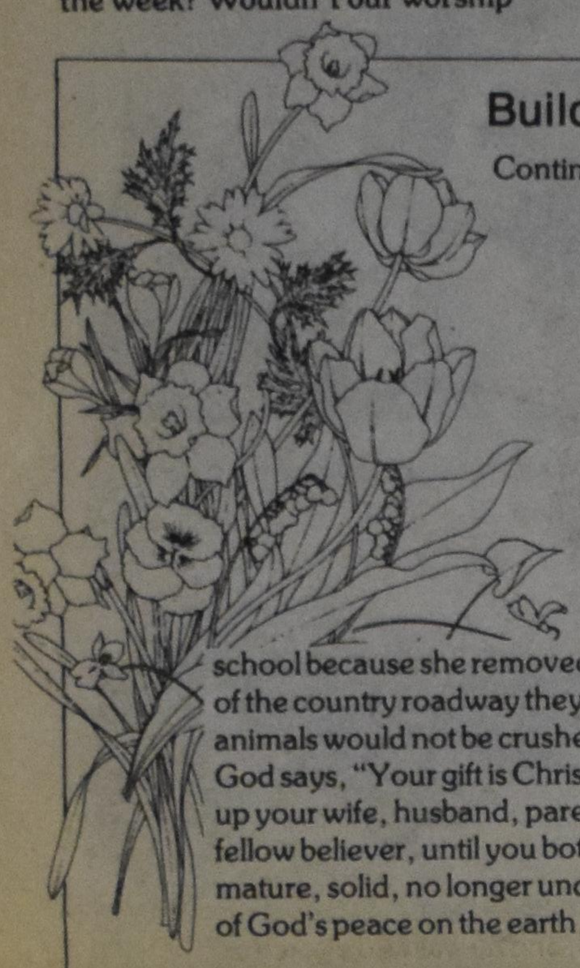


Only by the grace of God could Daniel's three friends stand up and not bow down for Nebuchadnezzar's Statute. They were not even free citizens, but exiles, people taken along as slaves! And yet — they did not bow down for the statute, in spite of the thousands around them, who all obeyed the commandment of the king. Were they fanatics? No, they were demonstrating their childlike faith.

Is our life like that? We confess every Sunday that we love God with all our heart, mind and strength and our neighbour as ourselves, but come Monday we don't blink an eye when we are required to join a labour union which flagrantly violates that commandment of love. We believe with the Scripture and our confession that the final supremacy of the government rests with God, and in politics we support or vote for a secular party which believes that the sovereignty of the government lies with the majority of the people, a principle of Rousseau and the French Revolution.

I believe these things have a direct connection with our worship service on Sunday. If we would be obedient in all these things in spite of the circumstances we are in, no doubt, Christians would be ridiculed and perhaps persecuted. Wouldn't that have a tremendous influence on our service of worship?

In Dr. Brink's last lecture she was hinting at that aspect of our liturgy. In the end I walked up to her and said, "Dr. Brink, I thank you very much, I have learned a lot." Upon which she said: "You helped me."



Build each other up

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school because she removed snails from the middle of the country roadway they walked on so the little animals would not be crushed by cars coming along: God says, "Your gift is Christ's gift to you for building up your wife, husband, parents, children, colleague, fellow believer, until you both or all of you become mature, solid, no longer uncertain but sure servants of God's peace on the earth."

Two become one, yet remain two

Ephesians 4 is telling us something as mysterious and as glorious as the fulfilling intimacy of a passionate act of betrothed intercourse, where two become one yet in the bond remain two together. Ephesians 4 is revealing the truth which will save us — our congregations, our marriages, our families, our very lives — and make us shine with splendour:

if the love of Jesus Christ is truly overwhelming you (Ephesians 3:16-19), if you are amazed today at your inheritance of the LORD God's good gifts like health and faith — marriage too yet! — which you are receiving in the flesh, thanks to the power of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:17-22), then you are at heart free from hostility, from loneliness, from an aimless existence, because you are wedded together in the one body of great diversity which in spite of weaknesses is beginning to administer the rainbow of creation in unbounded thanksgiving and joy.

You are you all right, but if the resurrected Jesus Christ is your peace, if you know that you belong to the LORD, then you are fused mysteriously by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit with all those who commune with God as Christ's body (Ephesians 2:14-22; cf Heidelberg Catechism answers #1 and #32).

Union as a calling

What's so great about the way Paul makes this revelation is his live sense of the union of people in Christ as a calling, as a reality and hope, as a gift of Grace in which one grows and matures, as an incredible act of God in which we creatures are busy.

Christ has given you the gift of life and faith, the gift of methodical intelligence, the gift of artistic sensitivity, the gift of leadership, of being kind, of having friends, a family who love you, prospects of good work in hard times, the gift of youth ... in order, says Ephesians 4, to ready you for upbuilding the body of Christ, for making others mature in their exercise of God's Grace.

This is the exciting context Ephesians 4 gives for the celebration of your marriage vows: build the other up to maturity in the exercise of their gifts from Christ, and together as wife and husband, build others up to the maturity where faith gets eyes to see the glory of the LORD spilled redemptively all around throughout creation.

To become mature means ...

To become "mature" in the Bible means to become "seasoned in knowing what God wants done" (cf Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 14:20-21, Hebrews 5:11-14). A mature woman, according to the Bible, is one who in womanly richness teaches others to discover God's surprises. A mature man, according to the Bible, is one who in manly richness helps others know God's way of doing things.

A mature wife, according to the Bible, is one who shows the commanding resourcefulness and supportive compassion to her husband, family, and neighbours, described in Proverbs 31:10-31. A mature husband, according to the Bible, is one who shows the sacrificial constancy and headfirst offerings of protection to his wife, children, and neighbours, that Christ gave for preserving the life of the Church (cf Ephesians 5:25-30).

A mature marriage, according to the Bible, is a married union where the jealous, cementing bond of passionate love remains a feast of promises confirmed again and again so that each becomes increasingly sure of one's gifts from God and imaginatively able, together, to give them away to each other and to your neighbours (Song of Songs 8:6-7, Ephesians 4:7, 12-16, 1 Corinthians 7 & 1 Timothy 4:1-10) so that the world lights up with holy laughter.

"Build" your married maturity, bride and groom, says Ephesians 4:2-3, in the oneness of spirit peace with God affords. Not in covert competition and repressed hostility, not with the misguided attempt to make the other over into your own image, not in separate but equal programs of development — professional apartheid: help your beloved and lover says the LORD, on your knees and with your hands and feet, with all that you are, help the other to give away her and his gifts exuberantly and wisely for Christ's sake.

And if the man should get stuck in finding an outlet for his talents, you woman find him an opening to serve the LORD; and if the woman gets fed up, for example, because God's people don't want their mourning turned into dancing (Psalm 30:11-12), you man support her patiently in love so well she knows God will bless what is done faithfully.

Enjoy the gift of marriage

Ephesians 4 presents God's blessing on your marriage plighted before the LORD with the happy injunction: in this difficult advent of Christ's Second Coming, enjoy the special gift of marriage God is adding to your already overflowing cornucopia of riches today by receiving it not as a possession you spend on yourselves but as a channel of love for exporting your other gifts toward building up the body of Christ.

Today is a beginning for you more than an ending. That's why it is serious and easy rather than difficult and a relief. God smiles now through his Word, telling you to accept from his hand the calling to grow to maturity and to build up married strength not as a frustrating, unfinished task, but as a joyful gift the LORD is blessing you with which will help you multiply the praise meant to be filling all the chinks of our lives.

Cal Seerveld lives in Willowdale, Ont. The meditation of Ephesians 4 was given at the solemnization of the marriage of one of his daughters. It was slightly edited for publication in C.C.

REDEEMER Reflections

THE REDEEMER COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Volume 2, Number 1

October, 1983

From the President:

Also this coming year, we will keep our members and supporters informed as to what is happening at Redeemer College by way of our newsletter called "Reflections". We were very thankful that *Calvinist Contact* was willing to do this for us last year.

Due to a very generous offer by some anonymous people, we are able to continue our newsletter as an insert in another publication. *Christian Renewal* will publish and mail to our supporters, free of charge, our newsletters six times per year, while *Calvinist Contact* will also mail the same issue of our newsletter to its own subscribers. We want to thank the editors of *Christian Renewal* for their kind offer, and we are looking forward to as good cooperation as we had with *Calvinist Contact*. At the same time, we are happy that we will be able to continue our publication for the subscribers of *Calvinist Contact* as well.

Our second year is in full swing. We thank the Lord for the blessings that He has given us by sending us 168 full-time students and another 61 part-time students. Again this enrollment exceeded all our expectations. This issue of Reflections will tell you more about our enrollment as well as the Convocation that took place on September 5.

I am sure that those who were there will never forget that day, even if it was only because of the extreme heat we experienced that afternoon. Yet many testified enthusiastically that it was good to be together.

With our second year underway, we are also planning to come back to you, our

membership, to ask you kindly for your $10 per month donation. In most of the communities in Eastern Canada, you will be approached sometime in November.

We are planning some special events at the College. One of these events is Senior Citizens' Day on October 31. We hope that you will take the time to read what has been written in this issue of Reflections, and I do hope that many of our senior members and supporters will make arrangements to visit us on that day.

If you are in our neighbourhood, feel free to drop in. After all, Redeemer College is your College. If you have any questions, ask us.

May I ask you to continue your support for us, especially your prayer support.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Henry R. De Bolster
President

Convocation 1983

Over 1100 at Redeemer's Second Convocation

On Labour Day, September 5, 1983, over 1100 people from all over Ontario joined together as faculty, staff, students, members and friends of Redeemer College to mark the beginning of the second academic year.

The heat was oppressive and for some even unbearable. Yet, there was a real spirit of thankfulness and joy as the Redeemer family joined together in praise and thankfulness with magnificent singing and earnest prayer.

Just prior to the beginning of the service, most of the 168 full-time students were ushered into the auditorium of Centenary United Church, Main Street, Hamilton. The complete ground floor center section of the sanctuary was filled with Redeemer students—an impressive sight indeed!

Chairman Nick Van Duyvendyk of Ottawa opens the Convocation.

After the playing of the organ prelude by Miss Marian Van Til—part-time music instructor at Redeemer and veteran organist of Redeemer special events—Dr. Vince van Dijk, Acting Dean of Redeemer College, marshalled in the part-time and full-time members of the faculty, Mr. Nick Van Duyvendyk of Ottawa, Chairman of the Board of Governors, Rev. J. De Jong of Georgetown, a member of the Board of Governors and Rev. Henry R. De Bolster, President of the College.

The Convocation began with the rousing singing of Martin Luther's great Reformation hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" followed by opening comments from Chairman Van Duyvendyk.

Because members of the Redeemer family had come from far and wide, representing many different church homes, the liturgy included the singing of the "Apostle's Creed" as a concrete expression of unity and oneness in Christ.

The first highlight of the Convocation was the presentation of "One Year Certificates" to 23 "pioneer" students. First-year students who earn at least 36 credits during their year at Redeemer and who have a 5.00 grade point average or better receive this Certificate. Elsewhere in *Reflections* you will see which "pioneer" students were awarded the certificate, where their hometowns are and what they are doing this year.

The second highlight was the inspirational keynote address delivered by Rev. De Bolster entitled, "Querencia". Elsewhere in *Reflections* you will find a short synopsis of Rev. De Bolster's speech. Rev. De Bolster emphasized that Redeemer College wants to be "home"—that is "*querencia*".

Prayerful singing of "If Thou Wilt Only Let God Guide Thee" was the audience's response to Rev. De Bolster's address.

In his concluding prayer, Rev. John De Jong, pastor of the Georgetown C.R.C. and the representative of Classis Toronto to the Board of Governors of Redeemer College thanked God for His blessings of the past and asked for His continued guidance as the pilgrimage continues.

A stirring rendition of "Unto God Almighty" preceeded the formal recessional of the participants, the full- and part-time faculty and all of the students present.

The crowd, seeking relief from the stifling heat in the building, quickly headed for the exits and soon overflowed onto two lanes of Main Street.

A special guest at the Convocation was Robert Morrow, Mayor of the City of Hamilton. Mayor Morrow met with Mr. Van Duyvendyk and Rev. De Bolster after the service and added his personal congratulations, as well as those of the City.

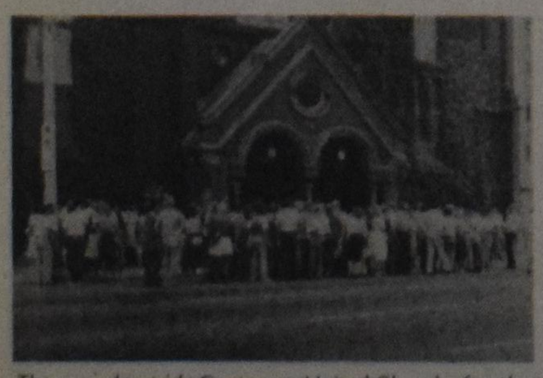
The administration of Redeemer was somewhat apprehensive about this second Convocation, not knowing what to expect when it came to the size of the audience.

At the same time, Redeemer College was determined that this event be more than simply the Redeemer College Convocation. Convocations are normally a somewhat formal academic affair for faculty and students. Redeemer wants to institute its annual Convocation as a "rally" for all endeavors of Christian education at all levels, in order to serve as an inspirational preparation to the new school year. For that reason special invitations to Christian school administrators, faculty and board members had been sent out prior to Labour Day.

The large crowd convinced Redeemer College it is on the right track, and it is now considering making the Convocation an annual Labour Day event for all levels of Christian Education.

But, one thing is for sure! If Redeemer College has another Convocation on Labour Day next year—it will be in an air-conditioned facility!

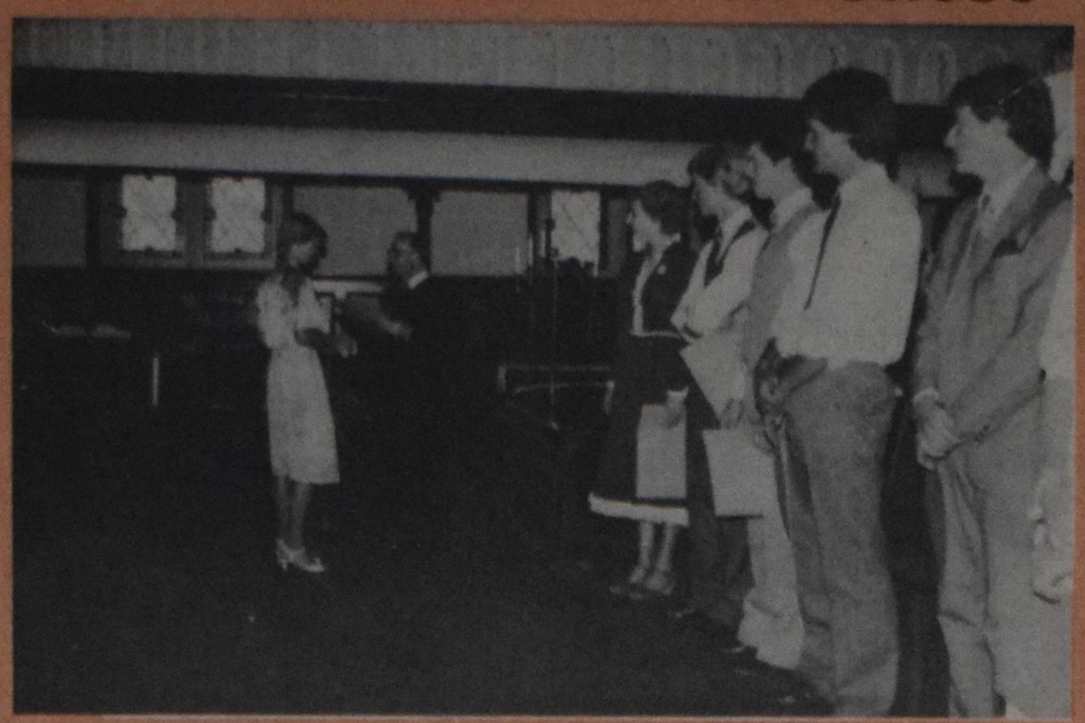
Faculty, students and friends of Redeemer College at the Convocation.



The crowd outside Centenary United Church after the Convocation.

Boy—was it hot in there! Students outside after the service.

One Year Certificates



Rev. Henry R. De Bolster, President of Redeemer College awards "One Year Certificate" to Henrietta Vander Molen of Jarvis. Other students are Sylvia Keesmaat (Hamilton), Peter Hoytema (Hamilton), Tim Fisher (Chatham-Whitby), Ken Faber (Strathroy), and John Den Bok (Burlington).

NAME	HOMETOWN	PRESENTLY
Angie Aukema	Shelburne	Sheridan College
Bruce Bos	Oshawa	Queen's University
Renee Bos	Strathroy	Redeemer College
Marjorie Bylsma	St. Catharines	Calvin College
Sylvia De Bruyne	Union	Redeemer College
Dave De Jong	St. Catharines	McMaster University
John Den Bok	Burlington	McMaster University
Pam Drost	Sarnia	Calvin College
Ken Faber	Strathroy	Redeemer College
Tim Fisher	Whitby	Redeemer College
Ken Guetter	Fenwick	Calvin College
Peter Hoytema	Hamilton	Redeemer College
Sylvia Keesmaat	Hamilton	Redeemer College
Teresa Luth	Dresden	Redeemer College
Paul Minnesma	Pittsburgh, PA	Redeemer College
Sue Van Arragon	Hamilton	Dordt College
Henrietta van der Molen	Jarvis	Working
Casper Van Gurp	Belmont	Redeemer College
Richard Van Holst	Hamilton	Redeemer College
Randy Vermeer	Grimsby	McMaster University
Nick Vreugdenhil	Chatham	McMaster University
Les Vuyk	Hamilton	McMaster University
Harry Zantingh	Smithville	Redeemer College

Marion Van Til in her music class.

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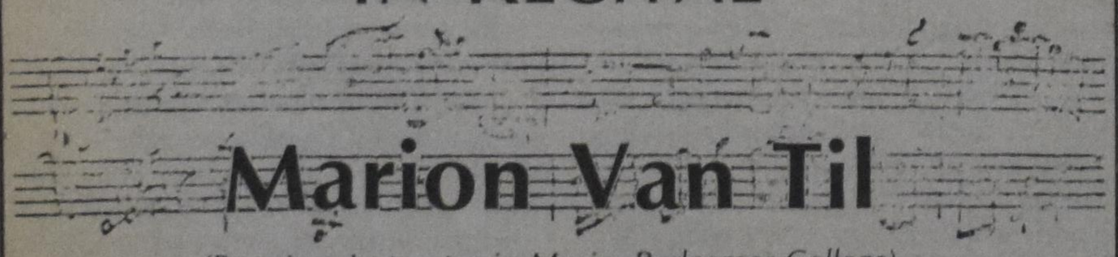

Marion Van Til

(Part-time Instructor in Music, Redeemer College)

Maranatha Christian Reformed Church
St. Catharines

Saturday, October 29, 1983, 8 p.m.

No admission fee *Free will offering*

Proceeds to Redeemer College Music Department

Registration 1983

Before Redeemer College opened its doors for the first time in September, 1982, student enrollment goals had been set at 50 full-time students for the first year of operation and 150 full-time students for the fifth.

On Saturday, September 3, 1983, 168 men and women from all parts of North America registered as full-time students at Redeemer College. Redeemer's response to this enrollment? "Way beyond expectations!" Praise and thank God with us!

For the benefits of our members and supporters, we include a list of all full-time students, indicating also their home church. They come from Nova Scotia to Florida, from Thunder Bay to Pittsburgh, from Calgary to Ottawa.

Classis Chatham

Aylmer (4)
- Clarence Bos
- Sharon Buis
- MaryNel Saarloos
- Casper Van Gurp

Chatham, Calvary (2)
- Art Brouwer
- Denise Grootenboer

Chatham, First (2)
- Grace Bruinius
- Mark Van Helden

Chatham, Grace (5)
- Rob Brouwer
- Anita Dreise
- Michael Hoekstra
- Helen Vreugdenhil
- Tim Wolfert

Dresden (4)
- Brian De Vries
- Jim De Vries
- Marlene Luth
- Teresa Luth

Essex (1)
- Elizabeth Schinkel

Ingersoll (2)
- Deb Van Noord
- Tony Zekveld

St. Thomas, First (5)
- Sylvia De Bruyne
- Michael Oegema
- Wayne Oegema
- Dan Stevens
- Anne Vander Geest

Sarnia, First (1)
- Paul De Groot

Sarnia, Redeemer (1)
- Sharon Berg

Sarnia, Second (3)
- Sharon Dam
- Leona Huizinga
- Wynne Kroontje

Strathroy, East (6)
- Renee Bos
- Grace De Boer
- Ken Faber
- Trudy Kroesbergen
- Bill Kroesbergen
- John Noordhof

Strathroy, West (2)
- Margaret Noordhof
- John Vanden Ende

Tillsonburg (1)
- Greg Lubbers

Wallaceburg (1)
- Elsa Vander Laan

Woodstock, Covenant (1)
- Peter Bakker

Woodstock, Maranatha (3)
- John Luth
- Yvonne Schut
- Colin Vander Ploeg

Wyoming (9)
- Tony Boer
- Rick De Boer
- Wilma Jonkman
- Joyce Mellema
- Al Noorloos
- Diana Pool
- Barb Schenk
- Margaret Weiland
- Stan Weiland

Students Sharon Berg (Sarnia) and Sharon Top (Collingwood).

Full-time Students Registration Percentages

CLASSIS	REGISTERED		PER CENT	
	1982	1983	1982	1983
Chatham	33	53	34	32
Eastern Canada	4	14	4	8
Hamilton	32	50	33	30
Huron	8	18	8	11
Quinte	6	10	6	5
Toronto	5	10	5	6
TOTAL	88	155	90	93
Other	9	13	10	7
	97	168		

1983 Other (13)

Other CRC	3	Presbyterian	2
Free Reformed	2	Methodist	2
Reformed	1	Orthodox Presbyterian	1
Canadian Reformed	1	Baptist	1

Students: 168 Full-time and 61 Part-time

Classis Eastern Canada

Athens (3)
- Judy Bouwers
- Elaine Hofing
- Annette Oosterhof

Brockville (3)
- John Kaldeway
- Peter Vander Werf
- Walter Vander Werf

Kentville, N.S. (2)
- Evelyn Hogeterp
- Tim Kroezen

Ottawa, Calvin (3)
- Kathy Hogeveen
- Evelyn Quartel
- Elly Wynia

Renfrew (2)
- Annette Vander Ploeg
- Fred Vander Woude

Shubenacadie, N.S. (1)
- Alice Bokma

Classis Hamilton

Brantford, First (1)
- Marlene De Boer

Brantford, Shalom (1)
- Art Vander Stelt

Burlington (5)
- Jim Berry
- Sharon Herrewynen
- Steve Kouwenhoven
- Maurice Vander Hout
- Richard Vander Vaart

Dundas, Calvin (1)
- Corinna Van Amerongen

Fruitland (2)
- Michael Eygenraam
- Peter Vellenga

Grimsby (4)
- Bernie Renkema
- Annie Vander Mey
- Al Vermeer
- John Wikkerink

Hamilton, First (2)
- Marian Kapteyn
- Richard Van Holst

Hamilton, Immanuel (2)
- Peter Hoytema
- Wendy Ritskes

Hamilton, Mount (3)
- Sylvia Keesmaat
- Ray Sikkema
- Renee Sikkema

Jarvis (7)
- Stuart Admiral
- Robert Kloet
- Anita Miedema
- Curtis Tuininga
- Ken Tuininga
- Rita Vander Schaaf
- Paul Veldhuis

Niagara Falls (1)
- Irene Den Bak

St. Catharines, Covenant (2)
- Heather Hunse
- Marlene Stronks

St. Catharines, Maranatha (3)
- Caroline Antonides
- Jacqueline Huizenga
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- Jim Pot
- Rick Stroobosscher
- Jackie Vanden Brink
- Harry Zantingh

Waterdown, Bethel (6)
- Christa Bos
- Wilma Lammers
- Don Stelpstra
- Irene Voordenhout
- Fran Voortman
- Lynn Voortman

Wellandport (1)
- Tony Kiers

Classis Huron

Cambridge (3)
- Brenda Rumph
- Anita Vander Meulen
- Susan Yzerman

Clinton (3)
- Sylvia Haverkamp
- Michael Maaskant
- Wayne Roorda

Collingwood (1)
- Sharon Top

Drayton (3)
- Christine Duimering
- Maryanne Mohle
- Sylvia Vanden Hazel

Exeter (1)
- Dianne Boersma

Goderich (1)
- Heather Turton

Guelph (1)
- Audrey Bosma

Kincardine (1)
- Pauline Van Rooyen

Kitchener (1)
- Betty Drost

Lucknow (1)
- Linda Vander Klippe

Owen Sound (1)
- Willard Vander Ploeg

Waterloo (1)
- Paul Roorda

Classis Quinte

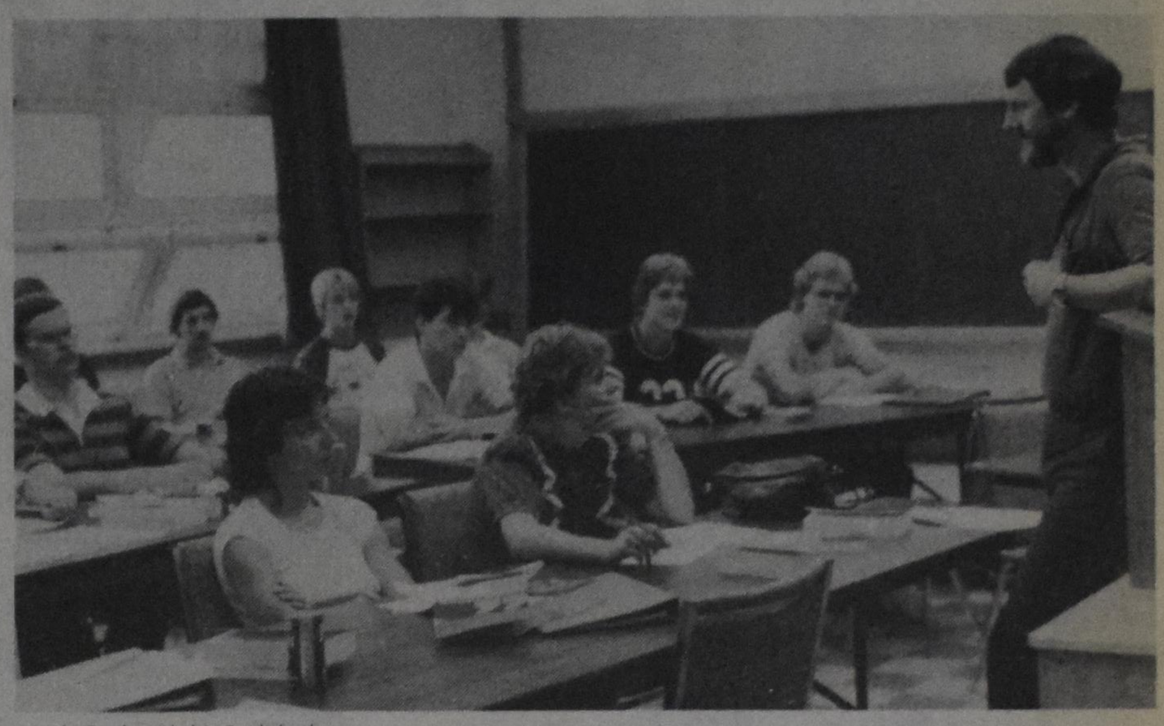
Bloomfield (1)
- Elna GrootNibbelink

Bowmanville, Maranatha (2)
- Marvin Oldejans
- Anita Van Belle

Cobourg (1)
- Yvonne Neutel

Oshawa (1)
- Theresa Rienstra

Trenton (2)
- Monica Couperus
- Richard Wikkerink



Hugh Cook with his English class.

Whitby (3)
- Tim Fisher
- Corina Rustenburg
- Shirley Verkuyl

Classis Toronto

Alliston (1)
- Harvey Vander Meer

Mississauga, Clarkson (1)
- Bill Bysma

Mississauga, Meadowvale (1)
- Scott Lunshof

Newmarket (1)
- Angela Van Luyk

Orillia (2)
- Sylvia Geus
- Joyce Schenk

Toronto, Grace (1)
- Judy Huyer

Toronto, Rehoboth (2)
- Gerard Kuntz
- Peter Van Egmond

Toronto, Willowdale (1)
- Paul Vander Kooy

Other

Other CRC (3)
- Wilma De Groot (Calgary)
- Renee Dykxhoorn (Florida)
- Dawn Ypma (Thunder Bay)

Free Reformed (2)
- Judy De Jong, Wellandport
- Susan Versteeg, St. Thomas

Reformed (1)
- Michael De Jong, Burlington

Canadian Reformed (1)
- Paul Den Bok, Burlington

Presbyterian (2)
- Edgar Hielema, Tweed
- Wanda MacLeod, Nova Scotia

Methodist (2)
- Keith Lewis, Dominica
- Telford Matthew, Dominica

Orthodox Presbyterian (1)
- Paul Minnesma, Pittsburgh

Baptist (1)
- Martin Van Oene, Huntsville

Senior Citizens Day

Recognizing the vision, courage and (oftentime) sacrificial support for Christian Education at all levels by our immigrant "pioneers" Redeemer College is pleased to invite all "seniors" back to school for a day of remembrance, recognition and reflection.

Reception at 10:00 a.m. A special Reformation Day assembly at 10:30. Lunch at noon. A presentation by the College after lunch and an opportunity to inspect the facilities in the afternoon.

Senior Citizens Day

October 31, 1983

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QUERENCIA

The address given on Labour Day by President De Bolster on the occasion of the second Convocation was entitled "Querencia". Even though we hope to make the full address available to you at a later date, we want to give you a summary of that address so that you have a little bit of an idea of what the term "querencia" means.

The title for the address has been borrowed from a book entitled *College of Character*, written by Warren Bryan Martin. Dr. Martin quotes from a *New Yorker* editorial:

> 'Querencia' is a Spanish word that means affection of the place one calls home and the sense of well-being given by that place. It means being nourished by that to which you belong. Normally defined, it means the immediate environment in which the person lives, but one can apply it to home in a larger sense without vitiating its meaning. One could say, for example, that T.S. Eliot moved to England because he found his 'querencia' there. Solzhenitsyn, despite his hostility toward the Soviet government, remains cold in his attitude toward the West at least partly because his querencia is in Russia. We live in a world awash with people torn from their querencia. Or people who have forsaken it and find that its lack is a kind of starvation. Querencia nourishes.

As soon as one says *querencia*,, several institutions come to mind.

In the first place we think of the home. If we cannot feel at home within our family relationship, that is if our home is not a *querencia*, we have problems.

A second institution that comes to mind is the church. Again, if there is no sense of providing for the well-being of the members, if the members do not receive nourishment from the Word of God, then there is something seriously wrong.

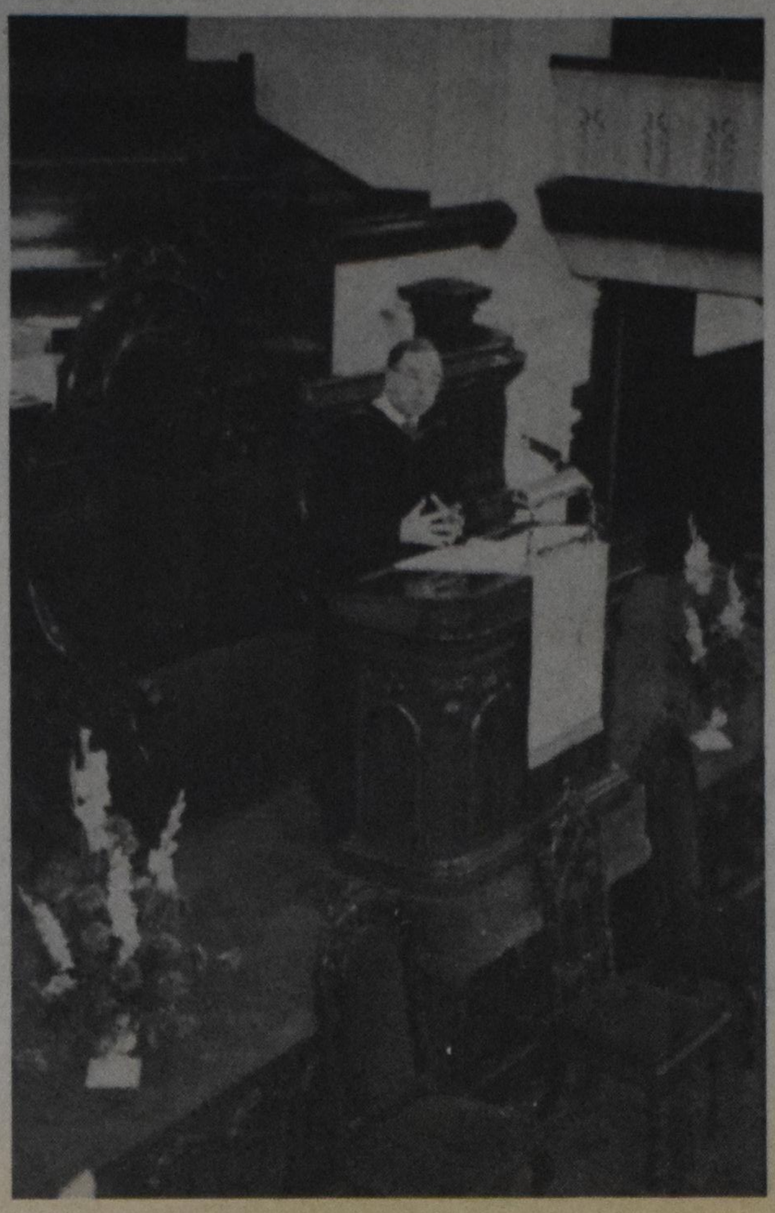
However, in this address we want to pay attention to education in the context of *querencia*.

Querencia for God's people can only exist where a living relationship with Jesus Christ is exercised. *Querencia* is only where one is able to live the covenant relationship. After all, as God's children we live as citizens of His Kingdom. Unfortunately, this world rejects that truth, and that makes it all the more important to make sure that where God's people, especially where God's children are being educated, a place must be there which can be called home—a place that exists for the well-being of everyone, a place where nourishment takes place within the covenant setting.

In order for Redeemer College to be such a *querencia*, it must be a college of Christian character.

The first thing needed is a faculty and staff devoted to Jesus Christ. This personal commitment to the Lord must be number one. The College cannot be home if the atmosphere, the spirit, in the College does not breathe a hearty joyful relationship to our triune God.

Secondly, but not any less important, the direction given in teaching Christian and Biblical perspectives need to be opened up. It does not follow automatically that someone whose life is committed to Jesus Christ will also give a Christian and Biblical perspective in the discipline he or she teaches. The academic world has rejected Christ as King of the sciences, and therefore, it will be necessary for our professors to study hard, to do much research and to receive as much knowledge of their discipline as they possibly can. Let us not forget that they do their work in the midst of an academic community that easily tries to convince everyone that as soon as one says "Christian perspective" one is no longer a scientist. After all, biology is biology, art is art, language is language, two and two are four for the Christian as much as for the non-Christian.



Rev. De Bolster delivers Convocation address: "Querencia."

Of course, it is true that we can learn a lot from the non-Christian scholar because whether he acknowledges this or not, whether he believes it or not, he is busy with God's creation. Let us be thankful that the creation order has not changed. Man has not been able to make out of God's hand that which God has made. Nevertheless, in order to teach a Biblical and Christian perspective, our professors must be busy, not only in the preparation of their courses, but also in doing research work during the summer months. They must dig deeply into their areas of expertise, into their disciplines, so that they will help students see the greatness of God in each area of life.

The purpose of our College is to help students receive a vision of the wholeness of life in relationship to God. In order for all of us to be able to say that our College is a *querencia*, we will have to learn to see again that Christian life and Christian learning are one and must be looked upon from the same perspective. As Christ is Lord over our personal lives, so He is Lord over all of academic life. In order to get that message across in the College, we need the best possible instruction with the best possible Christian perspective. In other words, we need the best possible Christian professors to be the best possible teachers.

Querencia—home—in the all-inclusive sense of the word. That is the challenge of Redeemer College; that is the challenge of Christian education in general. Let us take that challenge, and in total dependence on the Lord, let us work together so that our schools and our College may be a *querencia* this coming year for all those involved in them.

Tug-of-War at the Retreat. Would you believe that the (10) gals beat the (5) guys!

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Profile

Abraham Kuyper 1837-1920

Life-silouette of a reformer

Abraham Kuyper was famous as a christian leader in many areas of Dutch life for almost fifty years. His political career lasted during much of this period. He was the national organizational founder of the Anti-Revolutionary Party in 1879. He was a member of Parliament for many years. Kuyper's career was climaxed with his tenure as the Prime Minister of The Netherlands from 1901 to 1905.

Kuyper was born in Maassluis, The Netherlands, in 1837, the third child and first son of the church minister Rev. Jan Fredrik Kuyper and Henriette Huber. After his father accepted a call to Middelburg, Abraham was to spend eight years of his boyhood there.

In 1849 his father accepted a call to Leiden and the young Kuyper attended the gymnasium there. In 1855 he enrolled in the Leiden University to study "letters" and theology. Leiden was dominated by a rationalistic, or liberal theology. Kuyper later wrote how he and his fellow students applauded when a professor announced that he did not accept Jesus' bodily resurrection.

Kuyper turns

Certain incidents led to a change in Kuyper's religious development, away from this rationalistic approach to the Bible and back to a reformed-calvinistic view.

A first small stirring came when Kuyper was researching a paper for a treatise contest on a comparison of John Calvin's and Johannes A Lasco's view on the church. A Lasco's writings were very scarce and Kuyper soon discovered that the material was not to be found even in the best libraries. However, Prof. De Vries of Leiden suggested that his father, a minister in Haarlem, might be able to help. When it turned out that the Rev. De Vries had a collection of the Polish reformer A Lasco's writings unattainable elsewhere, Kuyper experienced this as the providential guidance of God. For the first in a long time Kuyper offered a prayer of gratitude.

A second impression that affected Kuyper during his student years was the reading of Charlotte M. Yonge's novel *The Heir of Redclyffe*. Kuyper became so wrapped up in the story that he began to identify with one of the main characters. As the plot unfolded Kuyper went with that character through a catharsis of repentance.

Kuyper graduated with a doctor of theology degree in 1862. The following year he married Johanna Hendrika Schaay, and was installed as a pastor of the church in the village of Beesd. His contact with some of the simple peasant members of Beesd, for whom the old reformed-calvinistic teachings formed a living life-view, and his readings in the works of Calvin, led Kuyper fully away from modernistic theology to a reformational outlook.

Kuyper not only became aware of the biblical depth of reformed theology, but became politically oriented toward the movement of Groen van Prinsterer. At Beesd he observed the social-economic problems of the peasants and began to think as a christian democrat.

Kuyper meets Groen

Kuyper accepted a call to Utrecht in 1867. The following year he published some critical brochures on the State Church. In a series of articles in a weekly paper, *De Heraut*, Kuyper argued that reformation of the church must include liberation from the state and from the hierarchical synod.

In 1869 Kuyper first met Groen and spoke with him personally the evening before a convention of the *Society for Christian National Education*. Groen so impressed Kuyper, that Kuyper felt himself a spiritual son of Groen from then on. Kuyper then affiliated with the Utrecht Antirevolutionary Voters Club. In the same year Kuyper became associate editor of *De Heraut*.

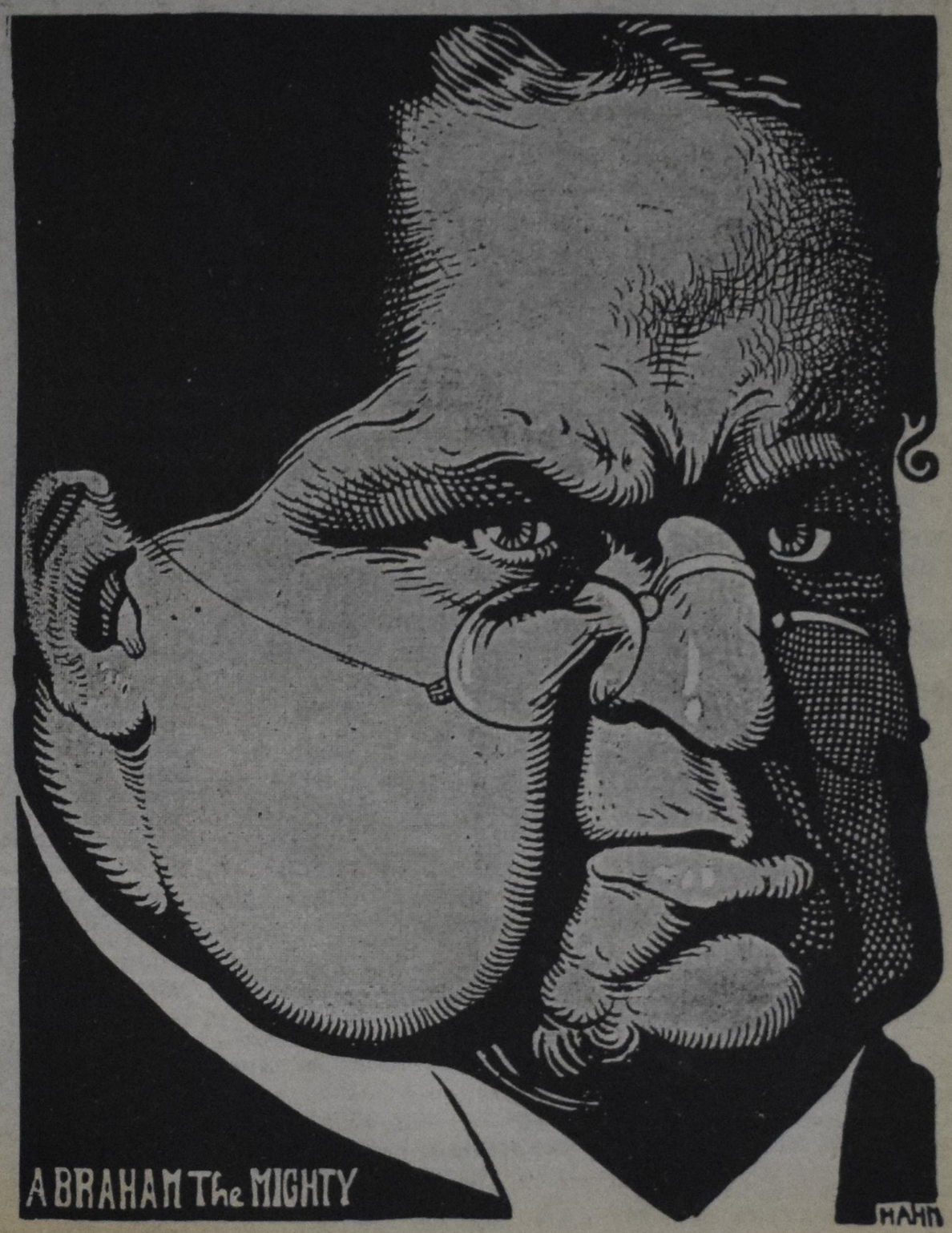
The church of Amsterdam called Kuyper in 1870 and he was installed that summer. Kuyper continued to fight the modernist influence in the church, as seen in a lecture of 1871: "Modernism a Fata Morgana in the Realm of Christianity." We cannot begin to trace the details of his actions in Amsterdam; to mention only one incident: in 1872 Kuyper wrote a brochure defending seventeen elders who declared that they would absent themselves from worship services conducted by liberal ministers.

Kuyper became editor-in-chief of *De Heraut* (1871), and this was developed into *De Standaard* (1872), appearing daily, with *De Heraut* as a weekly supplement. In 1873 Kuyper published "*Confidentially*," relating his personal development toward a reformational view on the church. In the same year he presented a lecture on "Calvinism the Origin and Guarantee of our Constitutional Liberties."

One desire

One desire dominates each day,
this higher aim drives my soul.
Better my breath be taken away
than that I should forget
this goal.
It is to seek God's ordinances
in home and church, in school
and state —
despite the world's remonstances
to secure these for the nation's
gain;
to seek the precepts of the Lord
to which the Word and
Creation call—
to engrave this in the nation's
heart
so the people acknowledge God
above all.

Dr. Abraham Kuyper
(trans. Frank Sawyer)



Kuyper turns to politics

Kuyper's church ministry ended in 1874 when he was elected to the Second Chamber of Parliament by the district of Gouda. In 1871 Groen had broken with the Conservative party and declared that he would seek his "strength in isolation," since he felt that his political direction was being absorbed by the Conservative influence. None of the three nominees that Groen supported (Keuchenius, Kuyper, Van Otterloo) were elected. But at an interim election in 1874 Kuyper defeated the Liberals in Gouda.

Issues in debate at this time were the status of non-state schools, the colonial question, and the socio-economic question. The Liberals were not yet ripe to recognize plurality of education; they also ridiculed Kuyper's idea of a code of labour laws. But Kuyper's forward-looking perspective would eventually gain influence on these matters.

In the meantime, Kuyper had severely overworked himself for many years. He had studied and written far into the night, and in 1876 he broke under exhaustion. He spent fifteen months living and hiking in Italy and Switzerland before he was sufficiently stable to return to the rigourous work in Holland. Groen died in May, 1876. A year later Kuyper returned and once more became the editor of *De Standaard*, and also of *De Heraut*, which was now published separately as a weekly church-theological paper.

Kuyper was instrumental in 1878 in obtaining signatures protesting the Kappeyne-cabinet bill which proposed many improvements in education without allowing for government funding for non-state schools. The 305,689 signatures did not stop King William III from signing the bill, but it demonstrated the number of potential voters behind Kuyper and others, who would be of influence if they should receive the right to vote.

In 1879 Kuyper drew up a *Declaration of Principles* for the Antirevolutionary party, and he was also elected as chairman of the party. Kuyper began a long series of expositions to this declaration in *De Standaard*, and these were printed into a book entitled *Our Program*. (Concluded next week) ....

Frank Sawyer is a missionary working in Puerto Rico. He has pastored churches both in Holland and Canada.

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KIKSTRA: We Ike and Jane Kikstra would like to thank our children and their families and also our relatives and our friends, for making our 50th Wedding Anniversary such an unforgettable day. Special thanks for all the cards, flowers, gifts and for just being there.
And above all, thanks to the Lord for the many blessings received.
R.R.#1, Rocky Mtn. House, Alta.

BIRTHS

DE VRIES: Our lives have been touched by a new kind of joy.
Dick and Liz welcome with much love and thankfulness another precious gift from God, BETHANY GRACE. She was born October 8, 1983, a beautiful little sister for Melanie, Wesley, Tracy and Lindsay. She is the seventh grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bouwma of Jarvis and fifteenth for Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred De Vries of Jarvis. She is also the forty-second great-grandchild for Mrs. Elizabeth Buma of Bowmanville and twenty-third for Mrs. Hieke Bouwma of The Netherlands.
R.R.#1, Nanticoke, ON N0A 1L0

EISING: Arnold and Helen thank God for the safe arrival of their precious daughter, MELANIE JANIS, born October 13, 1983, weighing 7 lbs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jannes Eising of Simcoe and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rumph of Grimsby.
R.R.#3, Jarvis, Ont.

VERMEER: "Let the little children come to me, do not hinder, for to such belong the Kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14).
P.J. and Marg (nee VanderMey), thank the Lord for the safe arrival of their second child, a healthy baby boy, TERRY JONATHAN, on September 29, 1983, weighing 6 lbs. 3 oz. The happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Vermeer of Grimsby, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. John VanderMey of Beamsville, Ont.
R.R.#3, Lincoln Ave., N., Beamsville, ON L0R 1B0

BIRTHS

Tamara Lynn VandenBroeke with her mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother.

FIVE GENERATIONS:

VANDENBROEKE: On January 29, 1983, TAMARA LYNN VANDEN BROEKE, a great-great-granddaughter was born to Mrs. Antje Tytsma-Kingma of Holland; born 1889, a great-grandchild to Mrs. Jacoba Visser-Tytsma of Thunder Bay; born 1915, and a grandchild of Mrs. Ann (Antje) Breukelman-Visser of Thunder Bay; born 1942. Mother, Mrs. Sonia VandenBroeke-Breukelman of Thunder Bay; born 1959.

GROENEVELD: "I will praise thee, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14).
Jack and Ann (Stelpstra) are thankful to God for the birth of their fourth healthy child, JOSEPH MARK, on September 27, 1983. Joseph is a new brother for Brian, Lee Ann, and Andrew. The 7th grandchild for Arthur and Grace Stelpstra, London, and Bill and Ann Heida, Nilestown.
R.R.#2, Allenford, Ont.

KIERS: "Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise" (Psalm 145:3).
With joy and thankful hearts to the Lord, we, Alfred and Ann, were blessed with another healthy child, a daughter, whom we called DANIELLE CARLA. A little sister for Kari. She was born on October 2, 1983. She is the 4th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Bert Van Soelen and the 2nd grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. John Kiers, both of Wellandport. Her great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Westerik, Mrs. R. Kiers, Mr. and Mrs. H. Zantingh and Mr. K. Van Soelen.
R.R.#3, Wellandport, ON L0R 2J0

NYMAN: Henry and Alice are thankful to God for the gift of their first child, a son, MARK WILLIAM, born October 4, 1983, at 9 lbs. 3 oz. He is the 4th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. William Nyman of R.R.#1, Wellington, and 13th grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Pieter Bos of Barnwell, Alta.
R.R.#1, Wellington, ON K0K 3L0

MARISSEN: Harry and Ida give thanks to God for entrusting to them a third child, BRIAN DENNIS, born September 24, 1983, weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. He is a brother for Darryl and Amanda and the 14th grandchild for both Mr. and Mrs. Floor SaarLoos and Mr. and Mrs. Teunis Marissen all of Aylmer.
R.R.#3, Tower Rd., St. Thomas, ON N5P 3S7

WIERSMA: With praise and thanksgiving to God, we, Jim and Wilma, announce the birth of our third child, a son, PHILLIP PETER, born October 3, 1983. A brother for Brenda and Bradley. Phillip is the third grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Peter Haverkamp of Nanticoke and seventh grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wiersma of Grimsby.
418 Mountain Road, R.R.#1, Grimsby, ON L3M 4E7

MARRIAGES

ELGERSMA-DE RUITER: Thankful to the Lord, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Elgersma of Petawawa, Ont., and Mr. and Mrs. Dick de Ruiter of Simcoe, Ont., are happy to announce the marriage of their children, BEVERLEY ANN and JEFFREY DONALD, on November 5, 1983, at 4 p.m., in the Zion Chr. Ref. Church of Pembroke, Ont.
Future address: C.F.B., Petawawa, Ont.

ANNIVERSARIES

With thanksgiving to the Lord, we are happy to announce the 45th Wedding Anniversary on October 20, 1983, of our parents and grandparents,

DICK and INA DE VRIES
(nee Boelens)

May the Lord continue to bless you and keep you both in his care.
With love and congratulations from your children and grandchildren.
Home address: R.R.#3, Mountain, ON K0E 1S0

Hoogkerk — Coldwater
1948 — 1983
On October 27, 1983, D.V., we hope to celebrate the 35th Wedding Anniversary of our parents and grandparents,

KLAAS and JO VANDERVEEN
(nee Roeters)

Wedding Text: Psalm 33:20.
We pray that God may continue to bless them in the years to come.
Congratulations from your children and grandchildren:
Peter VanderVeen
Andy & Charlotte VanderVeen
Chris & Anne McKersie
Garry & Dianne Kruithof
Don VanderVeen
Wilma VanderVeen
and grandchildren
Home address: R.R.#3, Coldwater, ON L0K 1E0

ANNIVERSARIES

Enschede — Mt. Brydges
1948 — October 27 — 1983
With praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, we are happy to announce the 35th Wedding Anniversary of our parents,

JOOP and ELBA DE VOEST
(nee Bruinink)

Congratulations and love from:
Bernie & Katie Lawrence; Tonya, Johanna, Derek, Aaron — Mt. Brydges
John & Yvonne Lunshof; Yolanda, Joshua, Jessica — Alliston
Albert & Dorothy Bosman; Sean, Robert — London
Joop de Voest & Karen Paton (girlfriend) — at home
Audrey de Voest & Walter Holman (boyfriend) — at home
Home address: Box #59, Mt. Brydges, ON N0L 1W0

Hardenberg — Consecon
(Ov.) — (Ont.)
1933 — 1983
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
With gratitude to God, we are happy to announce that our parents,

ALBERT JOHN and LUBBIE VELTMAN
(nee Schruer)

will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary, November 5 1983, from 2-4 at Ebenezer Chr. Ref. Church Hall, Trenton, Ont.
We are thankful to God for parents who serve the Lord and we pray that God may grant you many more years.
Love:
Fay & Evert Fledderus — Carrying Place, Ont.
Luke & Alberta Veltman — Consecon, Ont.
Diane & Henry Kuipers — Carrying Place, Ont.
Henry & Murial Postma — Brighton, Ont.
Lubbie & Alard Banga — Carrying Place, Ont.
Albert & Lorrie Veltman — Edmonton, Alta.
Lambert & Alice Veltman — Carrying Place, Ont.
Ria & Bill Winkelhorst — Brighton, Ont.
Annie Postma (deceased) 1938-1968.
Congratulations Oma and Opa from 33 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.
Home address: R.R.#1, Consecon, ON K0K 1X0

1958 — November 7 — 1983
With praise and thankfulness to God, we are happy to celebrate the 25th Wedding Anniversary of our dear parents,

ADRIAN and TINA VERBURG
(nee Hoekstra)

We thank God for the blessings of the past 25 years, and pray that he will give you many more years together in health and happiness.
Love and congratulations from your children and grandchildren:
Colleen & Charlie Van Kesteren; Daniel, Stephen, Brian — Chatham
Dave & Rose Verburg — Chatham
Brian Verburg & Sue Dauphin (girlfriend) — at home
Home address: 262 Tweedsmuir Ave., W., Chatham, ON N7M 2A9

Lethbridge — Saskatoon
1958 — November 8 — 1983
We thank the Lord for the goodness and faithfulness that he has shown to our parents,

HENRY and NELL SANDSTRA
(nee Vandermolen)

in their first 25 years of marriage, and we pray that the Lord will continue to guide and bless them in the coming years.
May the promises of Psalm 23 continue to be a reality in your lives, Dad and Mom.
Love your children,
Marilyn
Bev & Brian (fiance) — Edmonton
Evelyn
Allan
Robert
Home address: 37 Sparling Cres., Saskatoon, Sask. S7H 3M1

ANNIVERSARIES

The Hague — Gloucester
The Neth. — Ont.
1943 — November 10 — 1983
"I must stay at your house today" (Luke 19:5c).
With joy and thankfulness to God for the many blessings which he has bestowed upon our parents and grandparents by bringing them together and granting them many years of wedded bliss, we announce the 40th Wedding Anniversary of,

HANK and TESS HELLEMAN
(nee Wildschut)

May God continue to bless them and grant them many more years of life together and with us.
Congratulations from their loving children and grandchildren:
Art & Wendy Helleman; Sharon, David, Pauline — Toronto
Folkert & Ellen Helleman; Tracy, Kevin, Robyn — Nepean
Hank & Carolyn Helleman; Lindsay, — Richmond
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Mary & Theo Breimer; Karen, Rachel — Kingston
Eveline & Albert de Vries — Nepean
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Soli Deo Gloria!
Tynje — Wyoming
1923 — November 8 — 1983
With joy and thankfulness to the Lord, we are happy to announce the 60th Wedding Anniversary of our dear parents, grandparents and great-grandparents,

JOHN and GEESKE VANDERWAL
(nee Taekema)

May the Lord continue to bless and guide you, and keep you in his care.
Love and congratulations from:
Mell & Ann Vanderwal (nee Houtman) — R.R.#3, Clinton, Ont.
Halbe & Aukje Vanderwal (nee Feenstra) — R.R.#1, Wyoming, Ont.
Stan & Evelyn Vanderwal (nee Wijma) — R.R.#1, Varna, Ont.
John & Dorothy Vanderwal (nee Klazinga) — Camlachie, Ont.
Bill & Donna Vanderwal (nee Berg) — Sarnia, Ont.
Harvey & Marie Vanderwal (Vanderwier) — Camlachie, Ont.
34 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.
Open house will be held on November 8, 1983, in the John Knox Christian School from 7 - 9 p.m. in Wyoming.
Best wishes only.
Home address: P.O. Box #211, Wyoming, Ont.

On October 25, 1983, the Lord willing, we hope to celebrate the 25th Wedding Anniversary of our dear parents,

ALLAN and ALICE VENEMA
(nee VanLeuveren)

Happy anniversary Mom and Dad.
May the Lord continue to be with you and bless you for each other and us.
Wief & Sandra — Grafton, Ont.
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OBITUARIES

On Sunday, October 16, 1983, after a lengthy illness at the West Haldimand Hospital, the Lord took to himself our dear friend and society member,

HAMMIE DE BOER

Her words, her courage, and her optimistic nature, will never be forgotten.
We wish Tjitte and the family strength and comfort in these days of sorrow and grief.
The Dutch Ladies Society: "Rondom het Woord"
York, Ont.

1900 1983
"God himself will be with them and be their God.
He will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain,
For the old order of things has passed away"
(Rev. 21:3,4)
On September 30, 1983, the Lord took home our father, grandfather, great-grandfather and uncle,

JAMES J. DIELEMAN

Father of:
Adriana & Bram de Zwart-Dieleman — The Neth.
William & Thea Dieleman-Bosch — Telkwa, BC
Peter Dieleman — Terrace, BC
Betty & Art Huizing-Dieleman — Pitt Polder, BC
Mary & Phillip Rinzema-Dieleman — Port Coquitlam, BC
Eva & Dave Carey-Dieleman — Ladner, BC
The grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

On September 20, 1983, while on holidays in Texas, our dear brother and brother-in-law,

GERRIT REKKER

suddenly passed away, at the age of 70 years.
Loving husband of D. Rekker-Baron
"I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me will live, even though he dies. And whoever lives and believes in me will never die" (John 11:25,26).
Lovingly remembered by:
Mrs. B. Fennema-Rekker — The Neth.
Mrs. B. Dykema-Rekker — The Neth.
Mrs. J. Otten-Rekker — Brampton
Mr. J. Rekker — Brampton
Mr. & Mrs. A. De Vries-Rekker — Bloomfield
Mr. & Mrs. J. Rekker — Bowmanville
Funeral service was held September 23, 1983, in the Maranatha Chr. Ref. Church of Bowmanville, Ont. Rev. J. Zantingh officiated.
Home address: Millson Hill, Orono, Ont.

(2 Corinthians 5:1).
On October 10, 1983, it pleased our heavenly Father to take unto himself his child,

WOLTER terSTEEGE

at the age of 83.
Beloved husband of the late Zwaantje terSteege (nee Koster).
Father of:
Ann & Martin vanderHeiden — Hamilton
Gerald & Martha terSteege — Florida
John & Henny terSteege — Jarvis
Hilda Vis — Hamilton
Joyce & Cor vanDriel — Hamilton
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Brother of Geugien terSteege — The Netherlands.
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OBITUARIES

Op 10 oktober 1983 nam de Here tot Zich

WOLTER terSTEEGE

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Hij was lid van onze club tot december 1981, waarna hij werd opgenomen in Shalom Manor te Grimsby. Zijn leven was Christus, zijn sterven gewin. Moge dat de rijke troost zijn voor zijn kinderen en kleinkinderen.
The Blessed Age Club,
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For singles, widows, widowers, single parents, etc.
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Please send your name, address and **$25.00 registration fee** to:
Singles' Fellowship,
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before November 11th, 1983.

Calendar

Oct. 29 Divine Providence and Human Control; two public lectures by Dr. V. Elving Anderson; University of Toronto, Library & Information Science Building, Room 205, 140 St. George St., **Toronto.** Sponsored by The Canadian Scientific & Christian Affiliation.

Oct. 29 Piano and voice recital: Harvey R. Mulder (piano) and Karen Davis (soprano) will give a recital at the Second Christian Reformed Church of **Brampton** (Steeles Ave. and McLaughlin Rd.), at 8:00 p.m. Tickets: Adults $4.00; Senior Citizens $3.00; under twelve free.

Nov. 4,5 Combined organ concert of two well-known organists, Sander Van Marion and Andre Knevel; Nov. 4 in Covenent CRC, Parnell Rd., **St. Catharines,** Nov. 5 in the Central Presbyterian Church, downtown **Hamilton;** both begin at 8:00 p.m.

Nov. 5 Fall harvest bazaar of the Stratford & District Chr. School at Knox Presbyterian Church, Ontario St., **Stratford** at 10 a.m. Auction at 3 p.m.

Nov. 6 Great Reformation Day Service, **Toronto,** 7:00 p.m., St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, beside Thompson Hall. Dr. Calvin Seerveld speaking. Choir and Brass under the direction of Leendert Kooij with Sander Van Marion at the Organ.

Nov. 8 Delegates and church members are hereby invited to the prayer service and opening of Council at 7:30 p.m. in First Church in **Hamilton,** Ontario (corner of Charlton and Hess). On the prior Monday, at 2:00 p.m., until Tuesday 5 p.m., an open conference will discuss the topic "What does a biblical church wish to say to its secular world?" Rev. A. Kuyvenhoven will introduce it.

Nov. 12 John Knox Chr. School Annual Bazaar, 10:00 a.m.; fashion show; 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Bazaar; 6:00 p.m. Auction. 1884 Lakeshore Rd., **Clarkson,** Ont.

Nov. 12 Back to God Hour Rally, **Guelph,** 8:00 p.m., St. George's Anglican Church. Dr. Joel Nederhood speaking, Choirs and Brass under the direction of Leendert Kooij, with Andre Knevel at the organ.

Nov. 12 CPJ (formally CJL) Hamilton-Niagara regional annual meeting. Covenant CRC, **St. Catharines.** Annual meeting and 20th anniversary dinner. Details to follow.

Nov. 19 Gifts are for Living sponsored by the women of the **Stoney Creek** Alliance Church; 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; doors open at 8:00 a.m. for registration.

Nov. 30 Schneiders Male Choir from Kitchener is coming to the Bethel Christian Reformed Church, **Acton,** at 8 p.m.

Springtime in Holland: You are invited to this unique program to experience your cultural and spiritual roots in Holland. Don Van Polen's Itinerary is, as follows, sponsored by the Canadian Home Bible League. Oct. 24, Covenant CRC, **Woodstock;** 25, Chatham District Chr. Sec. School, **Chatham;** 26, Westmount CRC, **Strathroy;** 27, **Wyoming** CRC; 28, Clinton and District Chr. School, **Clinton;** 29, Lambton Chr. Highschool, **Sarnia;** 31, London Chr. Secondary School, **London;** Nov. 1, Clarkson CRC, **Mississauga;** 2, Bethel CRC, **Dunnville;** 3, Hebron CRC, **Whitby;** 4, Drayton CRC, **Drayton.**

Upcoming concerts: Oct. 22, **Hamilton,** Choir organ and brass with Leendert Kooij and Sander Van Marion, 8 p.m.; Oct. 23, **Kitchener,** organ with Sander Van Marion, 8:30 p.m.; Oct. 26, **Toronto,** choirs, brass and organ with Leendeert Kooij and Sander Van Marion, 8 p.m.; Oct. 27, **London,** Strathroy choir and organ with John Faber and Sander Van Marion, 8 p.m.; Oct. 29, **Bowmanville,** choir, brass and organ with Leendert Kooij and Sander Van Marion, 8 p.m.; Nov. 1, **Ottawa,** organ with Sander Van Marion; Nov. 4, **St. Catharines,** and Nov. 5, **Hamilton,** improvision with Sander Van Marion and Andre Knevel, 8 p.m.

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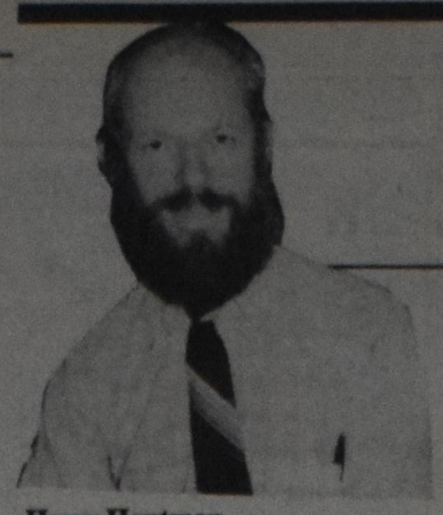

Harry Houtman

This is the third of six articles on charitable giving opportunities written by Mr. Harry Houtman of Christian Stewardship Services. Reader comments and questions directed to *Calvinist Contact* are welcome.

Giving through loans

Lending money at a low rate of interest to the local church or Christian school is common practice. Many building, addition, or renovation programs are made possible through such loans.

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CSS

Harry Houtman plans to be in:

Trenton	**October 27**
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Sarnia	**November 21**
Cornwall	**November 28**

Anyone in the above areas or elsewhere in Ontario desiring personal, free of charge, advice on wills, life insurance, special giving plans, etc., please contact CSS for a no-obligation appointment immediately.

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LET'S PLAY CHESS

Editor: Pete Layer

THE SUMMER LADDER

Contestants Problems:	#968	#969	#970	#971	Sub Total	Prev. Total	Total
Points:	5	3	2	3	16	Total	
J. Wilms (VI)	2	2	-	2	6	79	85
P.W. Lamain	2	Game	only		2	48	50
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K. Amsinga (VIII)	5	2	3	2	12	24	36
H. Brouwer (V)	-	2	3	2	7	8	15
J.B. Douwes	-	0	1	2	3	**	3
K. Kugel	-	-	0	2	2	**	2

** New-Welcome

Comments

A hearty Welcome to the two new solvers, Mr. Douwes and Mr. Kugel. The summer problems were not the "light" series I intended. The more experience you will have the more points you will probably get each month. A welcome back to Mr. Binnema, who retained his points because of a note in his last letter mentioning he would stop for a "few" months. Mr. Amsinga and Mr. Binnema each discovered different convincing wins for White with innovative and beautiful moves on White's third move after 2. .., Q-B2. The original analyzers of the game did not discover these moves, but instead mentioned 3. RxR (?). The third mover was a challenge, as well. Please follow the official solutions for details, and some enjoyable moments. Due to some changes at the *Calvinist Contact* office, prizes were delayed. I trust everything will be straightened out by the time this is printed.

#968 (Game Position) 1. BxNP, PxB; 2. R-Q8, QxR; 3. QxNPch., K-B1; 4. Q-N7 ch., K-K1; 5. QxR, K-Q2; 6. R-N7 ch., Q-K2; 7. RxQ and QxB wins.
If 2. .., Q-B2; 3. R-N8 ch., KxR; 4. RxP ch., K-B1; 5. R-B7, R-R2; 6. BxP ch., K-K1; 7. RxQ, RxR; 8. Q-N6, K-K2; 9. B-N5 ch., K-B1; 10. Q-R6 ch., K-N1; 11. B-B6, R-Q2; 12. Q-R8 ch., K-B2; 13. Q-N7 ch., K-Q1; 14. Q-N8 mate.
Also: 3. B-N5, N-Q2; 4. B-B6 ch., NxB; 5. PxN ch., QxP; 6. RxR, Q-B5 ch.; 7. K-N1, KxR; 8. QxNP, Q-B1; 9. R-B3 and White wins.
1. BxRP ch., RxB does not work very well because N-Q2 will protect KB3 square and the Pawn on N3 is well-protected by Rook and Queen.
#969 (Siberdt) Key: 1. P-N5 threat: 2. N-N6 mate
#970 (Wiersma) Key: 1. N-Q6 threat: 2. R-N5 ch., BxR; 3. N-N7 mate 2. --, KxN; 3. Q-Q4 mate.
Variations: 1. --, KxN or K-Q5; 2. R-Q2ch., BxR; Q-Q4 mate
2. --, K-B4; 3. R-Q5 mate
1. --, PxN; 2. Q-B1 ch., and 3. QxB ch., and 3. QxB mate or 3. Q-B4 mate.
1. --, B-N5 ch., 2. RxB and 3. Q-Q4 mate or N-N7 mate
1. --, P-N4; 2. N-N7 ch., K-N3; 3. N-B4 mate
2. --, K-Q5; 3. R-N4 mate.
Note: The square on Q4 must be covered by another piece before Q-Q4 is mate.
#971 (Dehler) Key: 1. N-B6 tempo

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Dutch

De terugkeer van de slechtvalk

(Canadian Scene) — Midden in Toronto, boven op het hoofdkwartier van het Ontario Ministry of National Resources aan Queen's Park — het Whitney Block — kunt U het 'tehuis' zien van de 'peregrine falcon' oftewel de slechtvalk. 'Whitney' zoals hij 'heet' is in gevangenschap gefokt. Hij is in een houten kist naar Toronto gevlogen en doet zich op die hoog verheven plaats te goed aan kwartel-boutjes onder toezicht van een closed-circuit televisie camera.

Twee jaar geleden vloog hij weg van het Whitney Block in gezelschap van drie andere valken, maar hij is al twee keer terug geweest na in meer zuidelijke gebieden de winters doorgebracht te hebben. Dat wij dit kunnen gadeslaan is te danken aan het feit dat het ministerie aandacht heeft besteed aan het voortbestaan van deze vogel die dreigde spoedig uit te sterven.

Biologen hebben voor drie andere valken een ander plaatsje gevonden, hetgeen nodig was omdat Whitney van mening was dat de Whitney Tower zijn prive woonplaats was en hij duldde daar geen andere vogels.

De vogel dreigde uit te sterven toen hij eieren begon te leggen met zo'n dunne schil dat het ei gewoonlijk brak voordat het uitgebroed was. DDT bleek hiervan de oorzaak te zijn. Dit vergif hoopt zich op in het weefsel van alle levende organismen, ook in dat van kleine vogels die door de valken worden opgepeuzeld. Een dagelijks dieet van kleine vogels met een laag DDT gehalte leidt uiteindelijk tot een hoog en gevaarlijk niveau in het weefsel van de roofvogel. In de zestiger jaren werden vrijwel geen slecht-valken meer gezien in oostelijk Noord Amerika.

Er zijn twee dingen gebeurd die de vogel hebben gered. Allereerst een drastische vermindering in het gebruik van DDT en het besluit van Cornell University en de Canadian Wild Life Service om de vogels te fokken in gevangenschap.

Van de Canadian Wildlife Service faciliteiten bij Camp Wainwright worden de jonge vogels naar verschillende plaatsen in Canada gezonden. Een paar heeft dit jaar een tehuis gevonden in een hoog

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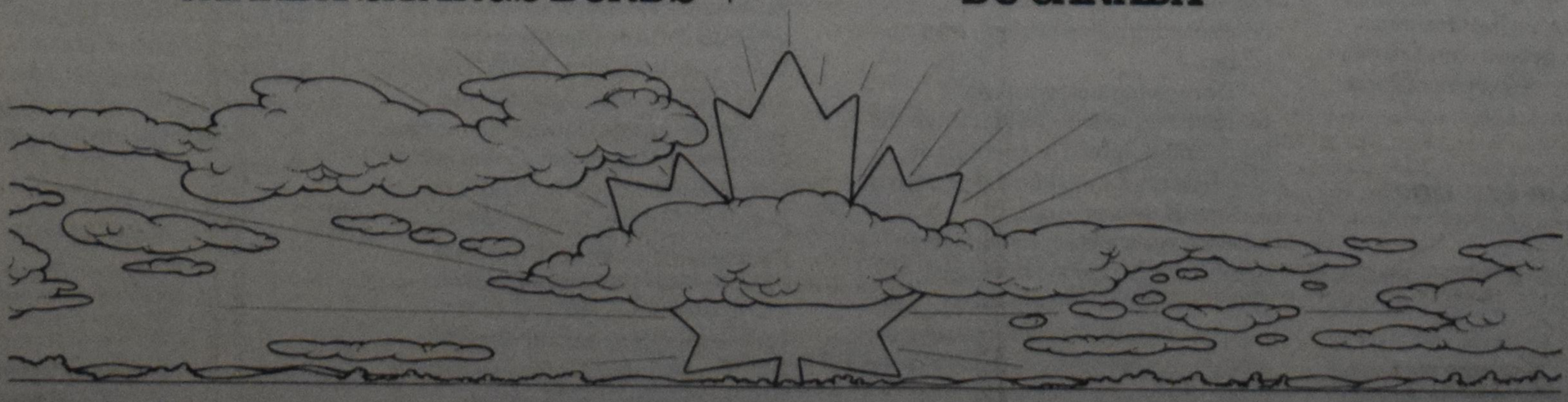

Canada

Persoverzicht

Carl D. Tuyl

Zonder feestneuzen of erepoorten vierde onze 64-jarige prime minister zijn verjaardag. De feestelijkheid werd waarschijnlijk temeer gedempt door het feit dat een publiek opinie-onderzoek uitwees dat 62 % van de stemgerechtigde bevolking de voorkeur gaf aan Brian Mulroney. Slechts 23 % prefereerde onze huidige regeringspartij. Dat was nou niet bepaald een mooi verjaardagscadeautje. De enige troost in de Liberale Partij is nog het feit dat er niets veranderlijker is dan de mens, en wel speciaal op het gebied van de politiek. Dat zagen we van de week weer eens overduidelijk gedemonstreerd in de herverkiezing van Bourassa als leider van de Liberalen in Quebec. Die Bourassa bracht er niet zo heel veel van terecht als premier in de jaren 1970-1976 maar er is geen onvergeeflijke zonde in het politiek bedrijf, en zo werd Bourassa weer gekozen.

Onze regering heeft natuurlijk ook stijgende kosten net zoals U en ik. Waar we in verschillen met de vroede vaderen is het oplossen van de zo ontstane financiele moeilijkheden. U gaat een keertje minder uit, draagt de winterjas nog maar weer een jaartje en besteed wat minder op vakantie. Bij de regering doen ze dat anders: de belasting gaat omhoog. Zo wil onze regering in Ottawa in de volgende vier jaar — even diep adem halen — negen biljoen meer in belasting gaan inkasseren. Maar, zo bemoedigt ons de Minister van Financien: per slot van rekening gaat de rente naar beneden en de inflatie volgt op rappe voet. Schrale troost! De volgende Minister van Financien moet maar eens een penningmeester van een van onze kerken worden, die lui kunnen tenminste met geld omgaan.

In Alberta, waar tot voor kort het geld zo maar uit de grond spoot, is het ook al niet veel beter. De provinciale penningmeester daar wil 5 % meer inkomstenbelasting gaan heffen hetgeen aldaar begroet werd met de geestdrift van een borrelaar na sluitingstijd in de kroeg.

Onze Minister voor Millieubeveiliging (dat is mijn vertaling van Minister of the Environment) gaf met zijn Amerikaanse collega een perskonferentie waarin werd medegedeeld dat we Amerikaanse medewerking in het wegwerken van schoorsteenzuur wel op onze buik konden schrijven. Die Amerikaanse mijnheer droeg de naam Ruckelshaus, en van iemand met zo'n naam kun je natuurlijk niet teveel verwachten.

De verhouding tussen Moskou en Washington is ongeveer net zo koel als een ijsbeer met een verkoudheid. Andropov beschuldigt de V.S. van sabotage in de ontwapeningsbesprekingen en vice versa. Dit heeft, zoals U begrijpt, betrekking op het feit dat nieuwe kernraketten zullen worden opgesteld in de NAVO landen. De besprekingen hebben menselijkerwijs gesproken net zoveel kans als het aanzoek van een ouwe vrijgezel aan de jonge dochter van de buurman. Een zorgwekkende situatie!

Ook besprekingen in Libanon om een overeenkomst te bereiken tussen al de vechtende groepen hebben niet veel kans op sukses. De plaats van de besprekingen — het vliegveld van Beiroet — maakt het samenkomen niet alleen gevaarlijk maar bijna onmogelijk.

En om U te bewijzen dat ik ver ga om mijn lezers een echt nationaal persoverzicht te geven reisde ik naar North Bay waar ik me begerig stortte op het lezen van de plaatselijke krant: The Nugget. The Nugget kost vijf cent meer dan de meeste andere kranten maar als het voor Calvinist Contact is kijk ik niet op een stuiver. The Nugget adverteerde echtscheidingen voor $155 per stuk, hetgeen me echt een beetje tegenviel. Bovendien kondigde Ds. Jim Sinclair van de Saint Andrew's United Church aan dat het onderwerp voor zijn preek zou zijn: "De Rechter en de Weduwe". Ik weet natuurlijk wel waar die preek over gesproken heeft maar er zit iets in die titel dat me niet bevalt. Ik dacht trouwens dat alle St. Andrew's kerken tot de Presbyteriaanse overtuiging behoorden, maar dat blijkt dan ook weer niet het geval te zijn.

En tot besluit een nieuwsbericht in de rubriek: "het zal je maar overkomen." In Engeland, aan boord van een vliegtuig dat van Birmingham naar London vloog, ging een zekere mijnheer zoals dat meer voorkomt even naar die plaats die wij vroeger met "doos" aanduiden. Laat nou de deur niet meer open willen. De man werd bevrijd door werktuigkundige lieden na aankomst in Londen. 't Zal je maar gebeuren!

Uit Nederland

(Radio Nederland Wereldomroep)

Held in Frankrijk, moordenaar in Nederland

In het Delftse Prinsenhof is aan de Franse ambassadeur Claude de Kemoularia het eerste exemplaar uitgereikt van het boek Balthazar Gerards, moordenaar en martelaar, van de hand van Hanne Bosma. De auteur kwam tot de ontdekking dat de man, die 400 jaar geleden Willem van Oranje doodde, in zijn geboorte plaats in het Oostfranse Franche Comte, geëerd wordt als een vrijheidsheld. Er is zelfs een straat naar hem genoemd.

Een straatje om doet niets

En wie mocht denken door wandelen wat gewicht te verliezen, vindt weinig bijval bij doktor Van Baak, wetenschappelijk medewerkster aan de universiteit van Limburg. Op het eerste nationaal wandelberaad, gehouden in Berg en Dal verklaarde zij, dat om een kilo af te vallen een wandeltocht nodig was van 130 kilometer.

Hij wil zich verbeteren

Een 24-jarige man uit Den Haag die aan heroine is verslaafd, heeft een merkwaardig kortgeding tegen de staat gewonnen. Hij was gearresteerd voor diefstal, maar werd op last van de officier van justitie weer vrijgelaten omdat er geen plaats meer was in het Huis van Bewaring. De heroine verslaafde nam daarop een advocaat in de arm en eiste dat hij alsnog zou worden opgesloten. Zijn argument was dat hij anders toch weer zou gaan stelen en dat hij voor de verslaving wil worden behandeld. De president van de Haagse rechtbank heeft hem in het gelijk gesteld en de staat gelast een plaats in het Huis van Bewaring vrij te maken.

De regering zaait onrust

We gaan naar Hervormd Nederland, Okke Jager krijgt daarin de gelegenheid om uit te leggen wat voor catastrofale gevolgen de op prinsjesdag ontvouwde regeringsplannen voor onze maatschappij zullen hebben, zet u schrap:

"De regering kiest voor een samenleving waarin een klassenverdeling onontkoombaar is: enerzijds de baanhebbers die iets kunnen presteren anderzijds de baanlozen, arbeidsongeschikten, werkkrachten met een niet-bevredigende baan, gastarbeiders, bijstandmoeders en minimumlijders. De overheid zelf schept steeds meer belangentegenstellingen tussen die twee groepen. Het is de regering die de verdeeldheid zaait, jaloersheid kweekt, vooroordelen versterkt en mensen tegen elkaar uitspeelt ...."

Kinderen lezen minder

De verkoop van kinderboeken is de laatste tijd sterk gedaald. In de eerste helft van dit jaar gingen er 800.000 exemplaren minder over de toonbank dan in dezelfde periode van 1982. Deze cijfers zijn bekend gemaakt bij de presentatie van de plannen voor de kinderboekenweek die van 5 tot en met 15 oktober wordt gehouden. Als voornaamste oorzaken ziet men in het boekenvak de gedaalde koopkracht en de concurrentie van elektronisch speelgoed en de zogenoemde televisiespelletjes.

Jacob Luitjens trekt zich terug

De Nederlandse oorlogsmisdadiger Jakob Luitjens, die in Canada werkt, is vrijwillig met pensioen gegaan. Dit meldt de Windmill Herald, een Nederlands talig blad dat in de Canadese stad Vancouver verschijnt. Jakob Luitjens is sinds 1963 als docent plantkunde verbonden aan de Universiteit van Brits Columbia in Vancouver. Er was aan de Universiteitsleiding al herhaalde malen gevraagd de docent wegens diens oorlogsverleden te ontslaan. Maar daaraan werd niet voldaan. Jakob Luitjens werd in 1948 wegens het verlenen van hulp aan de vijand bij verstek veroordeeld tot levenslang. De Windmill Herald vermoedt dat dreigementen uit kringen van Nederlanse emigranten in Vancouver een rol hebben gespeeld bij het terugtreden van Jakob Luitjens.

Wat mooi! wat een werk!

Wat lichter werk uit de bladen: Elsevier is gaan kijken naar de witte woonwereld onder het motto: hoe zwarter de tijden, des te witter ons interieur:

"Een wit-manie heeft zich van onze wanden, vloeren en meubels meester gemaakt. Ieder koopcentrum heeft tegenwoordig zijn witwinkel, waar witte honden en katten zitten te loeren tussen witte porcelijnen boeddha's, klokken, koppen en schotels. Nog meer wit is te zien in de etalages voor binnenhuisarchitektuur en woninginrichting: witte lampen boven witte meubelen tussen witte wanden op een witte vloerbedekking."

Heel mooi allemaal, maar je loopt wel de hele dag stof te zuigen.

Meer wielen op de weg

Tussen 1 augustus 1982 en augustus dit jaar is het aantal personenauto's gestegen met 99 duizend, zodat er hier nu ruim 4 miljoen 7 honderdduizend auto's rondrijden. Het aantal bedrijfsauto's steeg met 3 duizend tot ruim 390 duizend en het aantal motorfietsen eveneens met 3 duizend tot 125 duizend.

"Het spijt me, mevrouw, maar KLM's nieuwe lage Senior Citizens tarief naar Amsterdam is alleen maar voor passagiers boven de 65."

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De terugkeer van de slechtvalk

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kantoorgebouw in de binnenstad van Edmonton en dit jonge paar heeft drie jongen voortgebracht die het best naar hun zin hebben in deze stad.

Het centrum van een drukke stad is uitstekend geschikt voor jonge valken en dit komt sommige mensen vreemd voor. Hoge kantoorgebouwen zijn ideaal, omdat zij wat structuur betreft overeen komen met de steile klippen die deze vogels in het wild gebruiken. Men kon deze vogels vroeger vinden in Montreal, Boston en New York. Maar zelfs al zien we nu weer wat meer van deze slechtvalken, dat betekent niet dat hun voortbestaan gegarandeerd is. Deze prachtige vogel die nauwelijks groter is dan een kraai en met een snelheid van 290 km per uur kan duiken heeft slechts twintig procent kans zijn eerste jaar te overleven. Bovendien overwinteren veel slechtvalken in Zuid Amerika en Centraal Amerika waar DDT nog volop gebruikt wordt.

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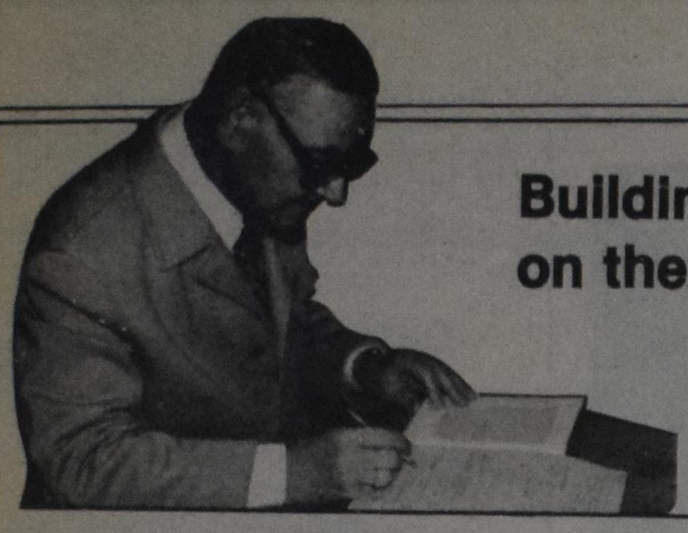

Building on the Rock

Victorious peace

Blessed are the peacemakers ...
Matthew 5:9

Jesus was Peacemaker as no one else. At his birth angels sang: "Peace on earth." He was the Prince of Peace. However, he said: "I have not come to bring peace, but the sword." It looks like a contradiction.

The reason for this is that the peace which Jesus brings is a victorious peace, which he won after a tremendous struggle. He conquered sin and won peace with God for us. He conquered also all the consequences of sin and made us citizens of a peaceable Kingdom. He brought the enmity between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman to an end and could therefore say: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you."

When we belong to Jesus, we have to follow a similar course. True peace can only be obtained and propagated by conquering and abandoning sin and evil.

Therefore, the peacemakers which are blessed by Christ are not the compromisers. There are many Christians who try to be a friend of everyone, who are busy to solve all discord in the world by keeping silent or giving in. Some people have a word of appreciation for every theory regardless whether it is false or true. They make easy agreements with worldly practices.

In the Kingdom of God the true peacemakers cause a lot of trouble in the world. By proclaiming the gospel they bring division in families, societies and countries. They fight for christian education, christian social action, for justice and liberty based upon God's Word. They arouse the criticism of those who propagate a neutrality which actually does not exist.

However, they have the promise that finally the mountains shall be filled with justice and the hills shall carry peace.

Rev. H. Van Andel

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Books

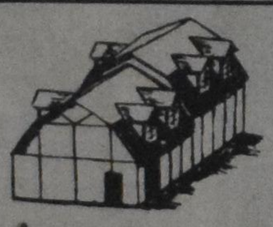
Theology

A special review

The Doctrine of Reprobation in the Christian Reformed Church, by Harry R. Boer, Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, 1983, x and 86 pages., $4.95. Sierd Woudstra.

In a communication (gravamen) addressed to the 1977 synod of the Christian Reformed Church in North America, Dr. Harry R. Boer, retired missionary and theologian, protested the teachings on reprobation in the Canons of Dort. Boer charged the Canons with teaching that by an eternal, divine decree innumerable people are destined before birth never to come to faith in Christ. Boer contends that what the Canons teach on this point is a "monstrous distortion of the gospel" (66). The synods of 1980 and 1981 adjudicated the matter and agreed with Boer that the biblical passages adduced by the Canons do not prove the point. However (unlike a synod of the Reformed Churches in The Netherlands (GKN) which, faced with a similar gravamen from Dr. Brouwer, decided in effect to exscind the disputed passages from the Canons) the Christian Reformed synods ought to save the Canons by declaring that Boer had misread them.

Boer accuses the synods of having twisted the obvious meaning of the Canons on reprobation. This reviewer has the uneasy feeling that the Canons do actually teach what Boer alleges them to teach (reprobation from eternity) and that the Christian Reformed Church synods imposed a meaning upon them which historically they cannot bear. This book was written for the Christian Reformed Church. However, the book deserves pondering by all Reformed Churches that wish to uphold the teachings of Dort, yet have serious questions.



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